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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016 ON PAGE 214]

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4 [GAVEL]

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.

7 THIS IS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JANUARY 5,

8 2016 MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER. THIS MORNING THE INVOCATION

9 WILL BE LED BY PASTOR LAYNE BEAMER FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

10 IN WHITTIER AND THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY PHYLLIS MILLER,

11 FORMER SECOND LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES NAVY OF SANTA MONICA.

12 WHY DON'T WE DO THE PLEDGE?

13

14 **PHYLLIS MILLER:** PLEASE STAND, EVERYONE. PLEASE STAND,

15 EVERYONE. AND WOULD YOU FACE THE FLAG AND PUT YOUR HAND OVER

16 YOUR HEART AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

17 RECITED.] THANK YOU.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DON'T HAVE OUR --

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** HE IS IN THE HOUSE.

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23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEANWHILE I AM GOING TO PRESENT A

24 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD TO PHYLLIS

25 MILLER FOR SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL WHO IS ON HER WAY HERE BUT

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1 IS STUCK IN THIS HORRIBLE TRAFFIC. WE HOPE THAT SHE MAKES IT
2 HERE SAFELY. I'M HONORED TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE TO
3 PHYLLIS MILLER WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING. SHE IS
4 LIEUTENANT PHYLLIS MILLER FROM THE U.S. NAVY. LIEUTENANT
5 PHYLLIS MILLER IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ART AT THE VETERANS ART
6 VENUE WHICH EMPOWERS VETERANS WHO ARE ARTISTS AND SUPPORTS
7 VETERANS WITH P.T.S.D. THROUGH ART THERAPY. FOR 15 YEARS,
8 LIEUTENANT MILLER HAS BEEN BRINGING ART PROGRAMS TO OUR
9 VETERANS IN WEST LOS ANGELES AT THE V.A. HOSPITAL CAMPUS, AND
10 SHE'S ALSO AN ARTIST AND HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS AND
11 WAS THE FIRST PLACE WINNER OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL V.A. ARTS
12 COMPETITION. CONGRATULATIONS, PHYLLIS. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **PASTOR LAYNE BEAMER:** GOOD MORNING. WOULD YOU ALL JOIN ME IN AN
15 ATTITUDE OF PRAYER? GOD OF ALL PEOPLE, ALL PLACES AND ALL
16 TIMES, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE WITH US
17 TODAY, THIS GATHERING OF PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE AT THIS TIME. WE
18 OPEN OURSELVES TO THE MOVEMENT AND THE WORKING OF YOUR SPIRIT.
19 WE GIVE THANKS FOR THESE PUBLIC SERVANTS, FOR THE WORK THAT
20 THEY DO. WE KNOW THAT THE SERVICE THAT THEY PROVIDE IS AN
21 EXAMPLE, A VEHICLE OF YOUR LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE. WE ASK THAT
22 YOU WOULD SPEAK TO THEM AND THROUGH THEM AS THEY DELIBERATE
23 THE BUSINESS AT HAND TODAY. WE GIVE YOU ALL THANKS AND PRAISE
24 IN YOUR MOST HOLY NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES, AMEN.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

4 IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME AND THANK PASTOR LAYNE BEAMER WHO

5 HAS BEEN THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN

6 WHITTIER SINCE 2011. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE

7 FROM CLAREMONT COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY IN MAY OF 2000. AND HIS

8 ORDINATION WAS IN JANUARY OF 2011. LAYNE IS ONE OF SEVEN

9 CHILDREN RAISED IN A SMALL, RURAL COMMUNITY IN NORTHWESTERN

10 OHIO AND WAS PART OF A VERY ACTIVE LUTHERAN FAMILY WHO

11 ENCOURAGED HIM TO SEEK THE MINISTRY. BUT HE WANTED TO WAIT.

12 BUT AFTER 30 YEARS OF ACTING AND BEING A CARPENTER, HIS

13 INTEREST IN THE MINISTRY WAS REKINDLED IN THE LATE 90S. HE

14 BECAME ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP, SOON MET AND MARRIED

15 MICHELLE SHANNON. HE BELIEVES NOW THAT IT IS A VERY EXCITING

16 TIME FOR HIS CHURCH AND ALL CHURCHES THAT ARE WILLING TO BE A

17 PART OF THE TRANSFORMATION GOD SEEKS TO WORK IN THIS WORLD.

18 SO, PASTOR BEAMER, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN

19 IN THE RAIN. WE APPRECIATE THE RAIN. AND WE APPRECIATE YOU.

20 GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE WILL BEGIN THIS

23 MORNING'S BUSINESS. THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

24

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME
2 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA, WE WILL BEGIN ON
3 PAGE 3 ON ITEMS R-1 AND ITEMS R-2. WE WILL HOLD THESE FOR A
4 REPORT. ON ITEMS R-3, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS
5 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 15, 2016 AND THAT THE REPORT
6 BE PRESENTED ON A BIENNIAL BASIS THERE AFTER. ON ITEMS R-4, R-
7 5 AND R-6, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY COUNSEL
8 REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 12,
9 2016. ON PAGE 4, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, AGENDA FOR THE
10 MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ON ITEM 1-H, A MEMBER OF THE
11 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 20. ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS INCLUDES
13 THE ADDITIONS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS
14 ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
15 ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE
16 PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 4, A MEMBER OF
17 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5,
18 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS
19 OFFICE. ON ITEM NO. 6 AND ITEM NO. 9, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF
20 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 13,
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER
22 OFFICE. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS, KNABE, AND
23 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 15,
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
25 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 16, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A

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1 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
2 NO. 20, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 21, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE
4 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 23, A
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON 27
6 AND 29, MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE
7 ITEMS BE HELD.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** 27 AND 29?

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11 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** 27 AND 29. ON ITEM
12 31, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
13 ITEM NO. 33, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THIS ITEM
14 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 12, 2016. ON ITEM 34, THE
15 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
16 WEEK TO JANUARY 12, 2016. ON ITEM 36, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
17 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 38 AND 41, A MEMBER OR
18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.
19 42, THE DIRECTOR OF -- THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PROBATION
20 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. 42. ON ITEM 45,
21 47 AND 48, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
22 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 57, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER --
24 ON ITEM 57, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE

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1 HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE
2 YOU.

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
5 SECONDED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 30,
8 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 58 THROUGH 60. ON ITEM 58,
9 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE,
10 TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION TO EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR
11 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION TO DECEMBER 31ST,
12 2019. AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
13 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 59, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
14 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODES TITLE 5 PERSONNEL AND TITLE
15 6 SALARIES TO ALIGN WITH BASELINE ADVANTAGE HUMAN RESOURCE
16 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FUNCTIONALITY AND/OR DELETE OBSOLETE
17 COMPENSATION PROVISIONS, CLARIFY EXISTING COMPENSATION
18 PROVISIONS, CORRECT MINOR ERRORS AND DEFINE LEAD PROGRESSION.
19 THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
22 SECONDED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. NO OBJECTION.

23

24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 60, THIS
25 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODES TITLE 5

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1 PERSONNEL AND TITLE 6 SALARIES RELATED TO FRINGE BENEFITS AND
2 SALARY CHANGES TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE
3 CONTRIBUTION RATES, GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE, ACCRUAL OF
4 VACATION LEAVE, AND MAKE MINOR TECHNICAL CHANGES. THIS ITEM IS
5 BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED. SUCH
8 WILL BE THE ORDER.

9

10 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 31,
11 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
12 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 61-A IS BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED. SUCH WILL
16 BE THE ORDER.

17

18 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 34, NOTICES
19 OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM C.S.-1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
20 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
21 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
22 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS NO
25 PRESENTATIONS AT THIS TIME. SO WE'LL MOVE ON SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR COUNTY ASSESSOR,
3 JEFF PRANG, TO JOIN ME. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR
4 OFFICE, AS WE ALL KNOW, IDENTIFIES ALL TAXABLE REAL ESTATE AND
5 BUSINESS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHES
6 VALUES FOR THE 2.6 MILLION PARCELS VALUED AT OVER \$1.2
7 TRILLION. THE OFFICE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING A
8 VARIETY OF EXEMPTIONS THAT HELP PROPERTY OWNERS SAVE MONEY ON
9 THEIR PROPERTY TAXES. RESIDENTS WHO OWN A HOME THAT SERVES AS
10 A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE MAY QUALIFY FOR HOMEOWNERS
11 EXEMPTIONS WHICH MAY REDUCE THE VALUE FOR PROPERTY TAX VALUES
12 BY \$7,000, RESULTING IN A LOWER PROPERTY TAX BILL FOR
13 HOMEOWNERS. WE WANT TO THANK ASSESSOR PRANG AND HIS STAFF FOR
14 RAISING AWARENESS AND EDUCATING THE RESIDENTS OF OUR DISTRICT
15 AND THE COUNTY ABOUT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS OFFERED TO
16 HOMEOWNERS. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE'D
17 LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL, DECLARING JANUARY 2016 AS
18 HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY. YOU NOTICE WE DID IT IN JANUARY AND NOT APRIL.

20 [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
23 IT IS AN EXCITING DAY TO BE ABLE TO KICK OFF THE MONTH
24 CELEBRATING HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION MONTH. I KNOW IF IT WEREN'T
25 RAINING, PEOPLE WOULD BE OUT CELEBRATING THIS AUSPICIOUS

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1 OCCASION. BUT LAST YEAR, MY OFFICE REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A
2 6.13 PERCENT GROWTH IN ASSESSED VALUE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND
3 GENERALLY SPEAKING AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES IS A GOOD
4 THING FOR HOMEOWNERS AS WELL AS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. NORMALLY
5 WHEN WE THINK ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES, WE TEND TO ONLY THINK
6 ABOUT OUR OWN HOME. BUT IN FACT, OUT OF THE MORE THAN 2-1/2
7 MILLION PARCELS IN L.A. COUNTY, MORE THAN 1.8 MILLION ARE
8 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES. ASIDE FROM OUR OWN HOMES, IT'S ALSO
9 IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE CRITICAL ROLE PROPERTY TAXES PLAY IN
10 SUPPORTING VITAL PUBLIC SERVICES. IF YOU THINK ABOUT THIS FOR
11 A SECOND, BEFORE A TEACHER WALKS INTO A CLASSROOM, BEFORE A
12 POLICE OFFICER RESPONDS TO A CALL FOR SERVICE AND BEFORE THE
13 CITY OR THE COUNTY CAN FIX POTHOLES, FUNDING NEEDS TO BE
14 IDENTIFIED. IN MOST CASES, THAT'S PROPERTY TAXES. AS ASSESSOR,
15 I NEED TO DO MY JOB EFFICIENTLY AND THOROUGHLY, OTHERWISE
16 THERE MAY BE TAXES LEFT ON THE TABLE THAT SHOULD BE RIGHTFULLY
17 DIRECTED TO VITAL PUBLIC SERVICES. CONTRARY TO WHAT MOST
18 PEOPLE THINK, I AM NOT A REVENUER. IT'S NOT MY JOB TO COLLECT
19 TAXES, ONLY TO ENSURE THAT PROPERTIES ARE ASSESSED FAIRLY AND
20 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW. REVENUE IS A BY-PRODUCT, HOWEVER,
21 OF OUR WORK. WHEN VALUES GO DOWN, MY JOB IS TO FAIRLY RECORD
22 THAT CHANGE, DESPITE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON GOVERNMENT
23 REVENUES. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT'S ALSO MY JOB TO MAKE THE
24 PUBLIC AWARE OF THE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS THAT CAN HELP THEM
25 SAVE MONEY ON THEIR TAXES. THERE'S A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS FOR

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1 SENIORS, FOR THE DISABLED, AND FOR VETERANS. BUT MOST
2 IMPORTANT IS THE ONE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, AND
3 THAT'S THE HOMEOWNERS EXEMPTION. EVERYBODY WHO OWNS A HOME AS
4 THEIR PRIMARY SOURCE OF RESIDENCE IS ENTITLED TO A TAX BREAK.
5 HOWEVER, THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY
6 WHO DO NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TAX-SAVING MEASURE. SO WE'RE
7 HER TODAY TO JOIN WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENCOURAGE
8 THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HOMEOWNERS IN L.A. COUNTY TO TAKE
9 ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THEM SAVE A LITTLE BIT
10 OF MONEY ON THEIR MONTHLY EXPENSES, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE
11 FIRST OF THE YEAR WHEN EVERYBODY SPENT A LOT OF MONEY ON THE
12 HOLIDAYS, I KNOW THEY'RE EAGER TO SAVE WHERE THEY CAN. SO,
13 SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE
14 AND THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR
15 INDULGENCE. THANKS. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU ALWAYS NOTICE HOW THE ASSESSOR REMINDS
18 EVERYONE THAT THERE'S A TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR. AND WHAT DOES
19 A TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR COLLECT, RIGHT? ANYWAY, AT THIS TIME
20 I'M GOING TO ASK TO JOIN ME UP HERE A VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL,
21 MR. TED KNOLL AND HIS HUSBAND MR. RICHARD CISNEROS. TODAY WE
22 ARE HONORING TED AS HIS SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
23 WHITTIER AREA FIRST DAY COALITION, ALSO KNOWN IN THE AREA AS
24 FIRST DAY SINCE JUNE OF 2001. AND ALSO TO HONOR, AND MORE
25 IMPORTANTLY, HIS ENTIRE CAREER OF SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS AND

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1 FAMILIES IN NEED. HE AUTHORED THE RECIPROCAL ENGAGEMENT MODEL.
2 AND THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL COMMITMENT, FIRST DAY,
3 ITS HEALTH CLINIC AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COMPONENT, NEWLAND
4 HOUSE, WERE BUILT. AND THEY HAVE HELPED COUNTLESS PEOPLE
5 BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT AND SUCCESSFUL. HE AUTHORED POLICIES
6 AND WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL, WHITTIER
7 CHAMBER, AS WELL AS PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES.
8 AND MANY OTHER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS TO RECONNECT HOMELESS
9 INDIVIDUALS WITH THEIR COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES THROUGH
10 INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP CASE MANAGEMENT AND ALSO THROUGH
11 RECIPROCAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE ON BOTH SIDES. TED HAS ALWAYS
12 BEEN A CARING INDIVIDUAL AND CARED DEEPLY ABOUT HIS COMMUNITY
13 AND FELLOW CITIZENS AND HAS MOTIVATED AND INSPIRED HIS STAFF
14 AND THOSE THAT WORK FOR HIM AND HAS BECOME A COMMUNITY
15 SERVANT, A TRUE COMMUNITY SERVANT. HE'S WORKED DILIGENTLY AS
16 BOARD CHAIR OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WHITTIER CHAMBER
17 AND BOARD MEMBER OF P.I.H. TO HELP THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT
18 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES
19 ON THE BOARD, WE WANT TO WISH HIM WELL AS HE MOVES ON, BUT TO
20 THANK HIM FOR THAT INCREDIBLE SERVICE AND WISH HIM GODSPEED
21 AND GOOD HEALTH AND CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. HE'S
22 TOUCHED AND TRANSFORMED MANY, MANY LIVES OVER HIS CAREER.
23 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] ALSO OUT THERE, WE'VE GOT THE
24 TEAM OUT THERE FROM WHITTIER FIRST DAY. HAVE THEM ALL STAND
25 UP.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELCOME. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU WANT TO
3 MAKE A STATEMENT?

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
6 SUPERVISOR. I WANTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS IN ADDITION. FIRST OF
7 ALL, I'M EXTREMELY HAPPY TO HAVE A WONDERFUL INDIVIDUAL BEING
8 HONORED, ALSO BEING INTRODUCED WITH HIS HUSBAND. THAT JUST
9 MEANS A LOT TO ME. AND I THINK A LOT ABOUT NEW DAY OF EQUALITY
10 IN THE UNITED STATES. AND IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL
11 THINGS THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS IDENTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE
12 DONE, I WANTED TO ADD THE THANKS OF A GRATEFUL COMMUNITY FOR
13 THE VOLUNTEER WORK THAT YOU DID OVER THE YEARS, PEOPLE WITH
14 H.I.V./A.I.D.S., L.G.B.T. RIGHTS. IT WASN'T THE ONLY FOCUS,
15 BUT I LOVE THE WAY THAT YOU BROUGHT OUR COMMUNITY INTO THE
16 LARGER COMMUNITY SO THAT WE WOULD SO UNDERSTAND HOW
17 INTERCONNECTED WE ARE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND THANK YOU,
18 DON, FOR HONORING HIM. IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR YOU. THANK YOU.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **TED KNOLL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, I REALLY WANT TO
22 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY DON KNABE AND HIS
23 STAFF. MY EX ASSISTANT ANDREA AVILA, NICK APPOLITO, IF IT
24 WEREN'T FOR HIM AND DON, WE NOW HAVE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
25 HOUSING HERE IN WHITTIER. AND THE WHOLE STAFF FROM DON'S

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1 OFFICE. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT TAKES MORE THAN -- I THINK I'LL TAKE
2 CREDIT FOR THE PHILOSOPHY THAT WAS NEW. I CAME OUT OF THE
3 COMMUNITY WHEN WE WERE WORKING ON THE FIRST A.I.D.S. WALK AND
4 COMING THROUGH ALL THAT EXPERIENCE. BUT ALSO I'LL TAKE CREDIT
5 FOR WALKING PEOPLE THROUGH THE NIMBY TO THE YIMBE. BECAUSE
6 RIGHT NOW WHITTIER IS 100 PERCENT BEHIND FIRST DAY AND THE
7 HOMELESS. PROBABLY THE ONLY PLACE IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE
8 BUSINESS COMMUNITY INVITES THE HOMELESS TO THE ANNUAL
9 CHRISTMAS PARADE AND PEOPLE ARE HONORED THAT ARE HOMELESS BY
10 THE CITIZENS OF WHITTIER. ANYHOW, I WANT TO POINT OUT ALSO THE
11 WHITTIER FIRST DAY GROUP THAT'S HERE. THERE'S A COUPLE PEOPLE
12 I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT IS JOE VENATIERI IS HERE REPRESENTING
13 THE CITY OF WHITTIER. WE ALSO HAVE THE FIRST DAY TEAM. COULD
14 YOU STAND? THE OUTREACH TEAM? [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN ALSO THE
15 PATH TEAM. DON, I JUST WANT TO SAY: A VERY, VERY SPECIAL THANK
16 YOU TO DON FOR INVESTING IN THE EAST SIDE. WE'RE A RESOURCE
17 DESERT. YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HAD THE COURAGE TO BE ABLE TO
18 COME IN AND INVEST IN THERE, PUTTING TOGETHER THE GATEWAY
19 CITIES COG, WHICH PATH IS AHEAD OF. WE'RE PEOPLE THAT DO
20 MONTEBELLO, PICO RIVERA, SANTA FE SPRINGS, LA MIRADA,
21 UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER. AND WE HAVE THREE OTHER AGENCIES. WE
22 ALL SIT TOGETHER AND WE ALL COLLABORATE TOGETHER. THAT
23 INVESTMENT, DON, HAS PAID OFF. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO 650
24 HOMELESS PEOPLE AND HOUSED BY 2017. WE'RE OVER 1100 PEOPLE
25 THAT ARE HOUSED. [APPLAUSE.] RIGHT. AND WHEN NO ONE ELSE

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1 REALLY WANTED TO INVEST WITH US ON THE EAST SIDE, DON, LET'S
2 GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO DON KNABE. YOU ARE GOING TO BE
3 MISSED. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** RICHARD SAYS TED MUST BE RUNNING FOR OFFICE.
6 [LAUGHTER.]

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** ONE MORE, MADAME CHAIR. THIS MONTH, JANUARY, IS A
9 VERY IMPORTANT MONTH, AS WELL. IT'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING
10 AWARENESS MONTH. HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ACROSS THE
11 NATION, COMMUNITIES ARE COMING TOGETHER TO ACKNOWLEDGE,
12 FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXISTS. MOST
13 NOTABLY CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND BRINGING AWARENESS TO THIS
14 ISSUE AS WELL AS ADVOCATE FOR THE MOST EFFECTIVE POLICIES TO
15 COMBAT AND ULTIMATELY ERADICATE THIS HORRIFIC CRIME. AMONG THE
16 MANY INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THIS COUNTY TO FIGHT CHILD SEX
17 TRAFFICKING, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHED THE
18 COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN, BETTER KNOWN AS
19 C.S.E.C., INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM. IT'S A COLLABORATION
20 JOINTLY LED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OUR COUNTY PROBATION
21 DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.
22 THE TEAM ALSO INCLUDES THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH,
23 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, THE
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
25 AND PANEL ATTORNEYS. THEY CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO

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1 IMPLEMENT PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES, INCLUDING
2 THE EXPANSION OF OUR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FIRST RESPONDER
3 PROTOCOL, AN EXPANSION OF THE COLLABORATIVE COURTROOM
4 DEDICATED SPECIFICALLY TO SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN AS WELL
5 AS A CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVOCACY SERVICES, SURVIVER
6 OUTREACH AND ALSO IN ADDITION THOUSANDS OF MENTAL HEALTH, LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT AND CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS CONTINUE TO BE
8 TRAINED COUNTY-WIDE ON THIS HORRIFIC CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN.
9 REPRESENTING THE LEADERSHIP TEAM TODAY, WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE
10 HERE WITH ME CAPTAIN MERRILL LADENHEIM FROM THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT, MICHELLE GUYMON FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AS
12 WELL AS PHILIP BROWNING AND HIS TEAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND AND MY
14 COLLEAGUES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND EVEN
15 MORE IMPORTANTLY THE VICTIMS OUT THERE, WE'D LIKE TO THANK
16 EACH OF YOUR AGENCIES AND YOUR COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS FOR YOUR
17 UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO FIGHT AGAINST SEXUAL
18 EXPLOITATION OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE
19 CONFINES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.
20 [APPLAUSE.]

21
22 **SPEAKER:** I'D JUST LIKE TO AGAIN THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE. IT WAS
23 FOUR YEARS AGO, ACTUALLY PROBABLY LAST MONTH THAT WE TOOK THIS
24 ISSUE TO HIS OFFICE. AND FROM THAT MOMENT FORWARD, HE JUMPED
25 IN WITH BOTH FEET AND IT'S REALLY NICE TO KNOW THAT HERE WE

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1 ARE IN 2016 AND WE HAVE THE WHOLE BOARD INVOLVED IN THIS
2 THAT'S VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS AND REALLY DEDICATED A LOT
3 OF RESOURCES AND USED THEIR VOICE NOT ONLY LOCALLY BUT ACROSS
4 THE COUNTRY TO REALLY SPREAD THE INFORMATION OUT AND WHAT
5 WE'RE DOING IN L.A. COUNTY. AND IT'S KIND OF A REALLY PROUD
6 MOMENT FOR ME TO SEE EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE DONE THROUGHOUT THE
7 LAST FIVE YEARS IN REGARDS TO SEX TRAFFICKING. AND I THINK
8 WE'RE STARTING TO, BECAUSE OF OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS,
9 REALLY STARTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THIS ISSUE. SO THANK
10 YOU AGAIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING, ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF JIM
13 MCDONNELL, HE HAS AN UNBRIDLED ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS NEW COUNTY
14 TEAM, INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING
15 COLLABORATIVELY AND ARE HONORED TO HAVE SUCH GREAT PARTNERS IN
16 THIS CAUSE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** WHAT I DO WANT TO SAY, THANK YOU TO THE
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I THINK WITHOUT THEIR LEADERSHIP AND
20 ASSISTANCE, THIS WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED. IT IS SO EASY TO SAY
21 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AND THEN LET IT DROP. BUT ALMOST
22 EVERY MONTH OR EVERY QUARTER, THERE'S SOME INITIATIVE THAT HAS
23 ENSURED THAT THESE THREE DEPARTMENTS UP HERE AND MANY THAT THE
24 SUPERVISOR CALLED OUT ACTUALLY WORK TOGETHER. COMMUNICATION IS
25 THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY TODAY. I SAY THAT

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1 ALMOST EVERY DAY. AND I THINK ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS UP HERE
2 AND MANY OF THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON A
3 COMMON CAUSE TO PREVENT COMMERCIAL SEX TRAFFICKING FROM
4 OCCURRING AND IF WE FIND VICTIMS, TO ASSIST THEM IN THAT
5 RECOVERY. AND THAT IS NOT JUST FOR THOSE OF US UP HERE, BUT
6 IT'S THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE STAFF NOW THAT ARE DEVOTED
7 FULL-TIME TO THIS OPERATION, WHICH FIVE YEARS AGO WE DID NOT.
8 SO AGAIN I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS OF
9 SOCIAL WORKERS, PROBATION OFFICERS AND SHERIFFS DEPUTIES AND
10 SAY THANK YOU TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...LOOKING FOR A HOME. THIS IS LITTLE DEXTER
15 WHO WANTS TO BEGIN 2016 IN A LOVING HOME. SO HE'S LOOKING FOR
16 A HOME. HE'S 10 YEARS OLD. AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND HIS
17 REMAINING YEARS WITH A LOVING FAMILY. AND YOU CAN SEE HOW
18 DOCILE HE IS. HE'S ALERT BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHAT THE ALTERNATIVE
19 IS, SO HE WANTS TO FIND A LOVING HOME. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-
20 4610. AND LITTLE DEXTER CAN BE A LOVELY, LOVELY COMPANION.
21 DEXTER, 10 YEARS OLD. PRETTY GOOD FOR 70.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HAPPY NEW YEAR!

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T KNOW IF HE WENT TO DORSEY OR FREMONT
2 OR MARSHALL, BUT HE'S A CLASS A DOG.

3

4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE
6 THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT
7 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE
8 NEED TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
9 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC
10 OR THE ABILITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE
11 BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING
12 TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE
13 FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN
14 THEIR TIME IS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST
15 RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES
16 NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD
17 MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND
18 REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE,
19 PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE
20 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER OF THE STAFF OR OTHER
21 PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE
22 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY
23 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
24 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
25 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE

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1 BOARD MEETING. IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER
2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN
3 ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE
4 SERGEANT OF ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. SUPERVISOR, WE
5 RECEIVED YOUR REQUEST FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO RECONSIDER ITEM
6 39 AND THEN CONTINUE IT FOR TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 19, 2016.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE CONSIDERATION.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.
11 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS ITEM 2 AND THEN 14. LET'S GO TO
12 ITEM 2.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. OUR BOARD HAS
15 TAKEN SEVERAL STEPS TO PREPARE FOR EL NI O WHILE TACKLING OUR
16 SEVERE HOMELESS PROBLEM, NOT SIMPLY A PROBLEM. I WISH TO
17 CHARACTERIZE IT AS A CRISIS. MADAME CHAIR, AS EL NI O BEGINS
18 TO PUMMEL OUR COUNTY WITH WINTER STORMS, I SEEK THIS BOARD'S
19 APPROVAL TO TRANSFER SOME \$2 MILLION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 HEALTH SERVICES HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAM TO QUICKLY TAKE
21 HOMELESS PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY HOMELESS WOMEN, OFF THE STREETS
22 AND INTO HOUSING WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. THIS IS ONE OF THE
23 WAYS THAT WE SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF RAPID REHOUSING.
24 GENERICALLY SPEAKING, WE HAVE AN AGENDA OF A SUBSTANTIAL
25 NATURE IN TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE ALL KNOW THAT THAT'S

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1 A PROJECTION IN TERMS OF HOW WE GET THAT HOUSING STOCK BUILT
2 THAT SALUTES THE DIGNITY OF PERSONS WHO WOULD INHABIT THEM.
3 BUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE AN URGENT MATTER TO ADDRESS. AND
4 IT IS URGENT. IT IS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR WOMEN. SO WRAPPING
5 UP PROGRAMS LIKE HOUSING FOR HEALTH, WHICH WE HAVE HAD
6 SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WITH, WE CAN EFFECTIVELY TRACK OUR RECORD
7 OF SUCCESS. AND WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR
8 RESOURCES. WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO KNOW WHAT DIFFERENCE OUR
9 INVESTMENTS IN FINAL FORM MAKE. HOUSING FOR HEALTH IS ONE SUCH
10 EXAMPLE. IT OFFERS A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO HOMELESS
11 PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL CONDITIONS THAT
12 LEAD TO FREQUENT AND OFTEN LENGTHY VISITS TO OUR COUNTY HEALTH
13 FACILITIES. AND ALL OF THIS IS AT TAXPAYER'S EXPENSE. AND SO
14 WHAT WE ARE ESSENTIALLY SAYING THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO
15 ACCOMPLISH TODAY IS SOMETHING THAT IS PROPER AT A VARIETY OF
16 LEVELS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IT'S PRUDENT. IT SERVES THE
17 INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO ARE INVESTORS, NAMELY THE TAXPAYERS OF
18 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHAT WE KNOW IT PROVIDES SHELTER AS
19 WELL AS A PRIMARY PLACE FOR RECUPERATIVE CARE, MENTAL HEALTH
20 TREATMENT, JOB TRAINING AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO HELP
21 ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS TO ACHIEVE BETTER HEALTH, TO
22 ACHIEVE STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE. AND THIS IS WHAT WE WANT
23 TO DO BECAUSE WE RELIEVE THE PRESSURES ON OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
24 SYSTEMS WHEN WE DO SO. I SHOULD SAY ROUGHLY 1 OUT OF EVERY 3
25 OF THE COUNTY'S 44,000 HOMELESS PERSONS ARE WOMEN, 5,000 OF

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1 WHOM LIVE IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. HOMELESS WOMEN
2 ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE, AS WE KNOW, TO VIOLENCE, TO
3 SEXUAL PREDATORS, TO EXPLOITATION AND OVERALL FURTHER FORMS OF
4 TRAUMA. SO I BELIEVE THAT HOMELESS WOMEN LIVING IN SHELTERS OR
5 THE STREETS, REGARDLESS OF THE DIAGNOSIS, WOULD BE ELIGIBLE
6 FOR PERMANENT AS WELL AS INTERIM HOUSING UNDER THE HOUSING FOR
7 HEALTH PROGRAM. THEREFORE I MOVE WITH YOUR CONSENT, MADAME
8 CHAIR, HOPEFULLY THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, THAT WE
9 ALLOCATE THESE RESOURCES FOR THAT EXPRESS PURPOSE. AND I WOULD
10 ASK THAT THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE HERE TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM ARE
11 AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

12
13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'LL
14 CALL UP SOME WITNESSES BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE. ANN-SOPHIE
15 MORRISSETTE, TERESSA PERCELL, MARSHA TEMPLE, AND ARNOLD SACHS.
16 WELCOME.

17
18 **ANN-SOPHIE MORRISSETTE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AND THANK
19 YOU FOR HAVING US. I'M HERE THIS MORNING ON BEHALF OF THE
20 DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. AND I'M ACCOMPANIED BY SOME OF OUR
21 FORMERLY HOMELESS RESIDENTS. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS IN PARTICULAR FOR YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO
23 ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE
24 OF THE HELPING HOMELESS WOMEN MOTION. IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT
25 HOMELESS WOMEN ARE IN DIRE NEED, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN

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1 WE SEE SERVICES ARE STRETCHED THIN AND WE SEE ENVIRONMENTAL
2 FACTORS LIKE EL NIÑO, WHICH IS REALLY COMING HOME TO US TODAY.
3 DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, WE'VE BEEN BASED ON SKID ROW FOR
4 NEARLY FOUR DECADES AND WE SEE 200 WOMEN COME THROUGH OUR
5 DOORS EVERY DAY. AND ON A DAY LIKE TODAY, IT'S PARTICULARLY
6 TROUBLING. IT'S PARTICULARLY DISTURBING. WE KNOW THAT TWO-
7 THIRDS OF THESE WOMEN ARE SLEEPING IN SHELTERS AND ON THE
8 STREETS. AND, SUPERVISOR, YOU MENTIONED SOME OF THE FACTORS
9 THAT ARE AT PLAY THERE. THERE'S SEXUAL PREDATORS. THERE'S
10 SAFETY ISSUES. IN ADDITION, WE KNOW THAT TWO-THIRDS OF WOMEN
11 HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME FORM OF ABUSE. SO NOT ONLY ARE THEY
12 COMING TO US ALREADY TRAUMATIZED, THAT'S COMPOUNDED BY THE
13 TRAUMA OF HOMELESSNESS ITSELF. SO WE KNOW THEIR UNIQUE
14 VULNERABILITIES AND WE KNOW THEY NEED SPECIFIC ATTENTION. SO
15 TODAY WE'RE URGING YOU TO SUPPORT THIS \$2 MILLION IN
16 ADDITIONAL FUNDS. IT'S GOING TO HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT FOR
17 THE WOMEN AND THE LONG TERM BENEFIT OF SUPPORTING A PROGRAM,
18 HOUSING FOR HEALTH, THAT WE KNOW HAS A GREAT SUCCESS. AT
19 DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, WE'VE ALREADY BEEN CONTRACTED THROUGH
20 THE D.H.S. TO HOUSE 90 WOMEN THROUGH HOUSING FOR HEALTH. BUT
21 FOR THOSE 90 WOMEN, THERE ARE THOUSANDS MORE THAT WE SIMPLY
22 CANNOT SERVE BECAUSE THE FUNDS ARE NOT THERE. SO TODAY WE ASK
23 YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. WE THANK YOU FOR THE CONCERTED WILL
24 THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN TOWARDS ADDRESSING THIS CRISIS. AND,
25 LASTLY, I WILL LEAVE YOU TO HEAR FROM TERESSA HERSELF, ONE OF

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1 OUR RESIDENTS, WHO CAN SPEAK TO THE IMPACT OF THIS KIND OF
2 SERVICE AND FUNDING. THANK YOU.

3

4 **TERESSA PERCELL:** HI, I'M TERESSA PERCELL, AND I'M 65 YEARS
5 OLD. I'M 65 YEARS OLD. AND FOR 10 YEARS I WAS HOMELESS. I'VE
6 BEEN LIVING AT THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER NOW FOR FOUR YEARS
7 GOING ON FIVE. I JUST APPRECIATE THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER
8 SO -- IT'S A PLACE WHERE I HAVE MY OWN KEY AND I CAN CALL
9 HOME. I'M HERE TODAY TO SHOW -- TO ASK FOR FAVOR TO ERECT MORE
10 FACILITIES SUCH AS THIS FOR WOMEN BECAUSE I JUST LEFT MY OWN
11 HOME AND WALKING THROUGH THE DOORS WHERE I LIVE RIGHT NOW, ON
12 THE OTHER SIDE OF ME, THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, THERE'S
13 WOMEN THAT CAME IN WITHOUT SHOES, WOMEN THAT CAME IN WET,
14 LOOKING LIKE RAG MUPS. IT'S JUST -- IT'S SO PROFOUND ON HOW
15 MANY WOMEN OUT THERE. THERE'S MOTHERS, SISTERS, AUNTIES,
16 GRANDMOTHERS THAT'S HOMELESS. I THANK GOD TODAY THAT I HAVE A
17 HOME AT THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. AND FOR WHAT MONEY I
18 UNDERSTAND ON THIS AGENDA IS TO BE TRANSFERRED, IT'S NOT A
19 LOT, BUT IT'S A START. AND IT COULD BE A START IF YOU VOTE IN
20 FAVOR FOR HELPING MORE WOMEN SUCH AS MYSELF. I MADE BAD
21 CHOICES IN MY LIFE, BUT TODAY I'M SEEING A PSYCHIATRIST TWICE
22 A MONTH FREE OF CHARGE BECAUSE OF THE SERVICES THAT DOWNTOWN
23 WOMEN'S CENTER. I HAVE ISSUES THAT I HAD INSIDE OF ME THAT I
24 HAVE RELIEVED MYSELF OF. I HAVE MY OWN KEY TO MY OWN HOUSE. I
25 COOK MY OWN MEALS. I GO TO THE GROCERY STORE. I AM JUST HAPPY

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1 AND BLESSED AND THANKFUL TODAY. AND BECAUSE OF MR. RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS, YOUR DONATION TO US WITH A BEAUTIFUL VAN THAT'S GOING
3 TO HELP US GET AROUND TO THE GROCERY STORES, GET US AROUND TO
4 THE DOCTORS' OFFICES, I THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU
5 FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. GOD BLESS YOU.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. IS IT ON?

8

9 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** HI THERE. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM
10 MARSHA TEMPLE AND I HAVE COME HERE TODAY TO THANK SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR WISDOM, YOUR COMPASSION TO THIS ISSUE.
12 YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY WET OUT THERE TODAY. I ONLY ASK TWO MORE
13 THINGS. THE FIRST I'M SAD TO SUGGEST, BUT PERHAPS THE BOARD
14 COULD CONTACT THE COUNTY CORONER AND FIND OUT HOW MANY
15 HOMELESS PEOPLE WILL DIE ON THE STREET THIS WINTER. I THINK WE
16 NEED TO KNOW. AND, SECONDLY, IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO
17 COORDINATE WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SEE IF THE SHERIFF
18 COULD HELP DISTRIBUTE ITEMS SUCH AS PONCHOS, DRY SOCKS,
19 BLANKETS TO PEOPLE ON THE STREET AND THEN COMMUNICATE THIS, IF
20 THE SHERIFF AGREES, TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY. BECAUSE I'M
21 SURE THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD WANT TO DO WHATEVER THEY
22 COULD PERSONALLY TO HELP PEOPLE BE A LITTLE BIT DRYER, BE A
23 LITTLE SAFER, AND BE GIVEN THE INFORMATION THAT WE ALL WOULD
24 PREFER THEM TO LIVE ANOTHER DAY THROUGH THIS CRISIS. THANK
25 YOU, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS? ARNOLD SACHS.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS.

5 AND, YES, THIS IS A WONDERFUL ITEM. \$2 MILLION IN YEAR-ROUND

6 PROGRAM FUNDS. SO WHAT HAPPENS THE REST OF THE YEAR? YOU HAVE

7 A COUPLE ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA ABOUT WAIVING PARKING FEES. I'M

8 SURE THAT IF YOU TOTALED UP FOR THE COUNTY ALL THE FEE

9 PARKING, THE WAIVERS FOR PARKING THAT YOU GRANT DURING THE

10 YEAR, IT WOULD BE MORE THAN \$2 MILLION. SO B.F.D. \$2 MILLION.

11 THIS IS A LITTLE STORY FROM -- ABOUT THE L.A. OLYMPICS.

12 ORGANIZERS OF THE L.A. 2024 COMMITTEE SAY PIGGYBACK YARD IS

13 JUST ROUGHLY TWO DOZEN SITES BEING CONSIDERED FOR AN OLYMPIC

14 VILLAGE. TWO DOZEN SITES FOR HOMELESSNESS. WHAT ARE YOU DOING

15 ABOUT THAT? YOU STILL HAVEN'T FROM MARCH 13TH, MARCH 20, 2013,

16 SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE \$75 MILLION TRANSFERRED TO THE

17 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT

18 AGENCY'S HOUSING SETASIDE ACCOUNTS TO CREATE AFFORDABLE

19 HOUSING TRUST FUND. YOU HAVEN'T DONE, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH

20 THE \$15 MILLION A YEAR YOU'VE BEEN DOING WITH THAT? NOTHING.

21 WE DON'T HAVE AN IDEA. THIS IS FROM A PROGRAM IN GLENDALE, I

22 THINK -- BURBANK. HOMELESS VET PROJECT IS DONE. 15 UNITS. THE

23 PROJECT WAS APPROVED IN 2013 BUT WORKED TO FULFILL

24 REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO STATE LOAN. A STATE LOAN? STATE'S GOT

25 MONEY TO LOAN OUT FOR HOMELESS VETS? WHAT'S THE COUNTY

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1 GETTING? YOU HAVE AN ITEM ONLY YOUR AGENDA FOR \$30 MILLION OR
2 \$40 MILLION LOAN TO M.L.K. FROM SOME ACCOUNT. \$40 MILLION
3 LOAN. WHY DON'T YOU HAVE \$40 MILLION LOANS TO LOAN FOR
4 HOMELESS, FOR THESE SITES THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE
5 L.A. OLYMPIC VILLAGES? WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT? THIS IS A BIG
6 DEAL? EL NIÑO COMES AROUND ONCE A YEAR AND YOU'RE DOING
7 SOMETHING? WHAT HAPPENS THE OTHER NINE MONTHS OF THE DECADE.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. THIS ITEM'S BEEN MOVED BY
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT'S BEEN SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO
11 OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 14.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
14 FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR ITEM 2. THE ITEM THAT'S NOW CALLED BY
15 CHAIR IS PERTAINING TO THE L.A.E.D.C.'S STRATEGIC PLAN. I JUST
16 SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THE FOLLOWING. THIS PROGRAM ESSENTIALLY
17 PRESENTS A BLUEPRINT FOR ENSURING THE LONG TERM HEALTH AND
18 GROWTH OF OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY. YOU'LL APPRECIATE THAT THE
19 STRATEGIC PLAN WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS
20 THAT INCLUDED SOME 26 PUBLIC MEETINGS, A SURVEY OF
21 APPROXIMATELY A THOUSAND BUSINESSES, LARGE AND SMALL, WHICH I
22 THINK IS GOOD, AND INPUT FROM MORE THAN APPROXIMATELY 500
23 LOCAL LEADERS AND STAKEHOLDERS. YOU'LL APPRECIATE THAT THESE
24 STAKEHOLDERS CAME FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES,
25 EDUCATION, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL

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1 COMMUNITY. THEY CAME FROM GOVERNMENT, THE NONPROFIT SECTOR,
2 THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN TERMS OF BUSINESSES, BROAD-BASED AND
3 DEEP. AND SO THE RESULT IS A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY THAT'S
4 FOCUSED ON SEVEN GOALS. THEY INCLUDE EDUCATION AND JOB
5 TRAINING, WHICH WE EMBRACE. THEY SUPPORT KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS,
6 NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS TO ACCELERATE INNOVATION AND
7 ENTREPRENEURSHIP. SO SMALL BUSINESS, LOCAL BUSINESS AGENDA
8 HERE. AND WE'RE TRYING TO REINFORCE THE REGIONAL
9 INFRASTRUCTURE REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE. ALL OF THESE ARE
10 REALLY, REALLY VERY IMPORTANT. WHY? BECAUSE WHEN YOU THINK
11 ABOUT L.A. COUNTY, WE THINK ABOUT AN ECONOMY THAT IS BY FAR
12 ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, RANGING UPWARDS OF THE TOP 15
13 ECONOMIES. SO THESE GOALS PUT US IN THE RIGHT PLACE. AND SO I
14 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO THINK OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN
15 TERMS OF THE SAFETY NET, THE SOCIAL SERVICES TO WHICH WE
16 ATTEND AS A PART OF OUR MISSION, OUR MANDATE. BUT IT HAS TO BE
17 SAID IN TANDEM THAT THE ECONOMIC PROWESS OF THIS REGION CANNOT
18 BE, SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. AND WE NEED TO ATTEND TO IT
19 WITH CARE, WITH DISCIPLINE; THEREFORE OUR ABILITY TO INCREASE
20 AND RAISE THE QUALITY OF LIFE. THAT'S WHAT THE AFFORDABLE
21 HOUSING AGENDA IS ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT THE SMALL BUSINESS AGENDA
22 IS ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT HAVING STRONG WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES IS
23 ABOUT IN TERMS OF TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT AND THE LIKE. ALL OF
24 THOSE ELEMENTS GO TOGETHER THAT SPEAK TO WHAT I THINK IS A
25 TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE. SO OUR COUNTY IS WELL POSITIONED. AND I

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1 THINK THE FORMATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY
2 COMMITTEE AT THE COUNTY INVOLVING KEY DEPARTMENTS WITH
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS IS AN IMPORTANT
4 SIGNAL THAT THE BOARD TAKES THE HEALTH OF OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY
5 AS FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT. GOOD STUFF. IMPORTANT STUFF. AND I
6 THINK I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT, EMBRACE THAT. AND WITH THAT,
7 MADAME CHAIR, I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THIS
8 ITEM FORWARD. AND I THINK THERE ARE ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND
9 AMENDMENTS THAT WILL COME TO OUR ATTENTION AT THIS POINT.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS. BEFORE I RECOGNIZE THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS THAT WANT
13 TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM, I WANT TO THANK YOU, YOUR OFFICE AND OUR
14 STAFFS AS WELL AS OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS THAT ARE
15 IN THE AUDIENCE AND HOPEFULLY LISTENING TO US AT THIS MOMENT.
16 AS YOU KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE BOARD. AND I
17 KNOW FOR SOME MEMBERS HERE FOR A LONG TIME. IT IS ONE OF MY
18 TOP PRIORITIES AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO HELP PROVIDE FOR
19 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SO THAT IN FACT WE DO LIFT BOATS, AS THEY
20 SAY, EVERYWHERE. AND PART OF WHAT WE CAN DO THROUGH OUR OWN
21 CAPACITY HERE IS WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INDEPENDENT GROUPS,
22 CORPORATIONS SUCH AS THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
23 CORPORATION AND ALSO OTHER ENTITIES THAT ARE OUT THERE DOING
24 THE HARD WORK OF TRAINING OUR POTENTIAL WORKFORCE TO BE
25 PREPARED FOR THE 21ST CENTURY JOBS THAT WE OFTEN HEAR ABOUT

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1 FROM EMPLOYERS TELLING US THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SKILLED
2 EMPLOYEES AVAILABLE TO FILL THESE VERY IMPORTANT POSITIONS,
3 WHETHER IT'S IN THE BIOMEDICAL FIELD, I.T., NURSING,
4 HEALTHCARE, DIFFERENT AREAS THAT WE KNOW WE MUST DO SOMETHING
5 ABOUT. SO THIS MOTION SIMPLY HELPS TO EMBRACE AND BRING
6 FORWARD THOSE ASSETS THAT THE COUNTY HAS, NOT JUST PUBLIC
7 ASSETS. I'M TALKING ABOUT LAND, I'M TALKING ABOUT FACILITIES,
8 BUT I'M ALSO TALKING ABOUT HUMAN RESOURCE PEOPLE. AND THAT'S
9 WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. IT GOES WELL BEYOND JUST THE 100,000
10 EMPLOYEES THAT WE REPRESENT, BUT THE POTENTIAL TO HELP CREATE
11 JOBS THROUGHOUT THIS REGION IN OUR GRAND COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES, TO HELP CREATE REAL PATHWAYS TO SKILLED JOBS,
13 MEANINGFUL JOBS THAT CAN LIFT FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY. AND
14 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT ALREADY IN THIS LAST YEAR BY
15 PASSING A MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE AND WAGE THEFT AND A WHOLE
16 BUNCH OF TOOLS THAT WE'RE MAKING AVAILABLE. BUT IN ADDITION,
17 WE'RE ALSO SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES, IN THAT WE WANT TO
18 EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT. IF YOU WANT TO
19 COME AND MAKE YOUR HOME HERE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WANT TO
20 WORK WITH YOU. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO SET A STANDARD FOR GOOD-
21 PAYING JOBS, WELL-SKILLED PLANS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR
22 INSTITUTIONS TO FLOURISH. AND THAT MEANS OUR EDUCATIONAL
23 INSTITUTIONS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY
24 COLLEGES, WITH OUR ADULT SCHOOLS, WITH OUR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS,
25 OUR FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS AND OTHERS. AND TO MAKE OUR PUBLIC

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1 LAND AND OUR CAPITAL ASSETS AVAILABLE SO THAT WE CAN BUILD ON
2 THAT CAPACITY. IT'S A TIME OF SHARING, FOLKS. IT REALLY IS.
3 IT'S ABOUT OPENING UP OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE COUNTY HAS. AND
4 IT'S UTILIZING THEM IN THE BEST WAY THAT WE CAN, GIVEN THAT WE
5 ARE IN A BETTER POSITION NOW THAN WE WERE BECAUSE OF THE
6 RECESSION THAT WE WENT THROUGH, WE DO SEE SOME TREMENDOUS
7 OPPORTUNITIES. SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS
8 THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED AND HELPED US DEVELOP THIS PLAN BUT
9 ALSO TO THE STAKEHOLDERS AND SOME OF WHOM WE'LL HEAR.
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO ADD, OBVIOUSLY I STRONGLY
13 SUPPORT THIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO
14 JUST ADD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, IF I MIGHT, THAT IS PART OF THE
15 90 DAY REPORT BACK THAT WE ALSO, PART OF THAT DISCUSSION, PART
16 OF THAT REPORT BACK AS TO WHAT WE CAN DO AS A BOARD TO ADVANCE
17 BUSINESS-FRIENDLY PRACTICES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
18 INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS
19 ON GOAL NO. 4 IN THE L.A.E.D.C.'S REPORT RELATED TO BUSINESS-
20 FRIENDLY RECOMMENDATIONS. SO I OFFER THAT AS A FRIENDLY
21 AMENDMENT IF IT'S OKAY.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO
24 THAT. MOVED AND SECONDED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR
25 SHEILA KUEHL, AND WELCOME. I'M GLAD YOU MADE IT.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY. I

3 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION, AS WELL, AND THE AMENDMENT. BUT I

4 WANTED ALSO TO JUST SORT OF THEORIZE FOR A MOMENT ABOUT WHAT I

5 HAVE SEEN AS A KIND OF SHIFT. AND I SEE L.A. COUNTY, AMONG

6 SOME OTHERS, TAKING THE LEAD IN IN THIS KIND OF EXPANSION, IN

7 A WAY, OF HOW WE SEE OURSELVES AS A COUNTY AND WHAT WE'RE FOR.

8 THE COUNTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN SEEN AS A SAFETY NET. THAT'S WHAT

9 WE DO. BUT IN A WAY, IT'S INSUFFICIENT. AND I THINK WE'VE ALL

10 RECOGNIZED THAT IT'S INSUFFICIENT TO JUST STAND UNDER THE

11 BRIDGE WAITING FOR PEOPLE TO FALL OFF AND THEN SORT OF HAVING

12 TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THOSE WHO FALL OUT FOR ONE REASON OR

13 ANOTHER INTO HOMELESSNESS, INTO ILL HEALTH. A LOT OF IT STEMS

14 FROM LOSING ONE'S JOB. A LOT OF IT STEMS FROM NOT BEING

15 SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED TO GET A JOB IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE HAVE

16 SO MANY CLIENTS IN TRANSITION. AND THIS IS A VERY GOOD THING.

17 THE THING THAT I REALLY LOVE ABOUT THIS REPORT AND SEE US AS

18 USING, I THINK, VERY CREATIVELY IS THAT IN THE OLD DAYS,

19 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS KIND OF SEEN AS LET'S GIVE MONEY TO

20 BUSINESSES AND HOPE THAT THEY MAKE JOBS. AND NOT MUCH MEASURE

21 ABOUT WHETHER THEY DID OR WHETHER THE JOBS THAT THEY MADE

22 WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE ANYWAY WITHOUT THIS HELP. I THINK THIS IS

23 A SMARTER APPROACH. SO RECOGNIZING THAT IT'S PART OF OUR

24 MISSION TO HELP PEOPLE NOT TO NEED THE SAFETY NET, A REAL

25 SOLID PART OF THE COUNTY'S MISSION. THE SAME AS WE'VE

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1 IDENTIFIED IN OUR JAILS, REHABILITATION RATHER THAN SIMPLY
2 PUNISHMENT. I THINK THIS IS PART OF A NATIONAL MOVEMENT, ONE
3 THAT WE WILL LEAD ON. PRAISE THE L.A.E.D.C. FOR THEIR PART IN
4 THIS. AND I THINK WE'RE KIND OF RIDING THE WAVE HERE IN A VERY
5 GOOD WAY, IN A WAY THAT I THINK WILL SHOW OTHER, ESPECIALLY
6 LARGE COUNTIES, HOW TO DO THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME
7 CHAIR.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE SOME WITNESSES THAT
10 WANT TO SPEAK. SO I'LL CALL THEM UP. CYNTHIA PARULAN. LINDA
11 BERMUDEZ, SILAS GRIFFIN III, AND STEVEN CHEUNG. GOOD MORNING.

12

13 **CYNTHIA PARULAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA PARULAN. I'M
14 FROM HACIENDA-LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I ALSO HAD
15 THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY, THANK YOU, BOARD, FOR BEING PART OF THE
16 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
17 HIGHLIGHTS WITH REGARD TO THIS STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN,
18 BECAUSE IT REALLY IS A FORWARD-THINKING AND REFLECTION OF THE
19 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF THE FEDERAL
20 GOVERNMENT. IT HAS IDENTIFIED A DIRECTION TO ACTUALLY
21 PRIORITIZE A STRONG COLLABORATION BETWEEN EDUCATION AND
22 BUSINESSES. AND WHAT I CAN SAY TO YOU ON A PERSONAL LEVEL WITH
23 REGARD TO THAT PARTNERSHIP, THOSE STRONG PARTNERSHIPS REALLY
24 DO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO RETRAIN THOSE THAT ARE
25 DISLOCATED OR LAID OFF FROM JOBS OR ACTUALLY ENTERING THE

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1 WORKFORCE. AND WITH THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, WE'RE ABLE TO HELP
2 THOSE THAT ARE SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNERS SUCH AS MYSELF BE ABLE
3 TO BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR ENTRY INTO THE JOBS. A
4 PERSPECTIVE WITH REGARD TO WHAT WE'VE DONE IS PARTNERSHIPS
5 WE'VE HAD WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LABORERS IN A
6 PREAPPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WHERE WE TAILORED THAT PROGRAM TO
7 ENSURE THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL HAS PLACED OVER 2,000
8 PREAPPRENTICESHIP VETERANS INTO THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AT
9 THE LABORERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. PARTNERSHIPS IN ALLOWING
10 THEM TO BE TRAINED ON HIGH-SKILLED EQUIPMENT AT THE CLINICALS
11 AND HOSPITALS HAVE PROVIDED VERY STRONG EMPLOYMENT AND HIGH
12 EMPLOYMENT UP TO 85 TO 92 PERCENT FOR OUR L.V.N.S., FOR OUR
13 C.N.A.S, ET CETERA. SO I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT
14 AND HOPEFULLY HAVE THAT AS A VERY HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE COUNTY
15 TO ENCOURAGE THOSE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN EDUCATION TRAINING AND
16 BUSINESSES BECAUSE THROUGH THAT, WE ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A
17 POSITIVE PLACEMENT AS WELL AS CONTINUED WORKERS THAT WE HAVE
18 IN NOT ONLY TECHNOLOGY BUT IN THE HEALTH FIELDS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M HONORED TO KNOW
21 THAT YOU'RE REPRESENTING OUR DISTRICT WELL OUT THERE. THANK
22 YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

23

24 **LINDA BERMUDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, I'M LINDA BERMUDEZ, WITH BIZFED,
25 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION, A GRASSROOTS

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1 ALLIANCE OF MORE THAN 150 TOP BUSINESS GROUPS REPRESENTING
2 275,000 EMPLOYERS WITH 3 MILLION EMPLOYEES ACROSS THE COUNTY.
3 WE HAVE BEEN PROUD TO WORK CLOSELY WITH L.A.E.D.C. TO PROVIDE
4 INPUT, FEEDBACK AND PERSPECTIVE FROM THE COUNTY-WIDE BUSINESS
5 COMMUNITY TO HELP SHAPE THE STRATEGIC PLAN. WE HOPE YOU AGREE
6 THAT THE END IS A BALANCED AND REALISTIC STRATEGIC APPROACH TO
7 PROMOTING JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE
8 COUNTY OVER THE COMING YEARS. IMPLEMENTATION ACTION ON THE
9 PLAN WILL MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN MANY INDIVIDUALS'
10 LIVES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. WE
11 ESPECIALLY COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
12 FOR BRINGING FORWARD TODAY'S MOTION TO HELP ENSURE THE
13 IMPORTANT BODY OF WORK WILL EFFECTIVELY GUIDE COUNTY ECONOMIC
14 DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS MOVING FORWARD. WE URGE THE BOARD TO
15 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING A STRONG
16 AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE L.A. COUNTY STAFF TO
17 PROMOTE ECONOMIC SUCCESS TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL COUNTY
18 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

19
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

21
22 **SILAS GRIFFIN:** HI MY NAME IS SILAS GRIFFIN, I'M A SMALL
23 BUSINESS OWNER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK THE
24 BOARD FOR THE SUPPORT THAT THEY HAVE, THE L.A.E.D.C. AND THE
25 PUBLIC INPUT. IT ALLOWED US SMALL BUSINESSES A VOICE TO BE

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1 HEARD. AND THE PLAN ITSELF, THOSE VOICES ARE ACTUALLY BEING
2 IMPLEMENTED IN THE PLAN. IT'S AN AWESOME THING. I LOOK TO
3 DEVELOP MY BUSINESS A LITTLE FURTHER IN SOME OF THE
4 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND THIS OPPORTUNITY, THIS HAS PRESENTED
5 THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. AND I THANK YOU
6 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **STEPHEN CHEUNG:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND HONORABLE
11 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEPHEN CHEUNG, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
12 WORLD TRADE CENTER OF LOS ANGELES, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
13 DEDICATED TO FACILITATING INTERNATIONAL TRADE BETWEEN LOS
14 ANGELES AND INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES. NOW, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 HAS BENEFITED GREATLY FROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND BECAUSE OF
16 THE PRIME LOCATION WHERE LOS ANGELES IS SITUATED, WE'RE A KEY
17 TRADING DESTINATION BETWEEN ASIA, LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED
18 STATES. THE PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH HANDLES OVER
19 40 PERCENT OF ALL INBOUND CONTAINERS COMING INTO THE UNITED
20 STATES, AND OUR AIRPORTS PROCESS OVER \$96 BILLION WORTH OF
21 CARGO TO AND FROM 34 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES LAST YEAR. AS THE
22 COUNTRY'S TOP TRADING CENTER, THE LOS ANGELES CUSTOMS DISTRICT
23 REACHED \$416 BILLION IN TWO-WAY TRADE IN 2014. AND THERE ARE
24 OVER 370,000 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE TRADE SECTOR. HOWEVER,
25 WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES THAT UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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1 OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION. WHETHER
2 IT'S EXPORT OR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS, WE'RE SEEING
3 INCREASED COMPETITION FROM OTHER REGIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
4 AS WELL AS OTHER NATIONS. THEREFORE IT IS VITAL THAT LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY TAKES IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN
6 THAT WILL HELP GUIDE OUR REGION IN CREATING MORE CONCRETE
7 ACTION STEPS FOR REMAINING COMPETITIVE IN THIS GLOBAL MARKET.
8 IN WORKING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY, THE WORKERS IN LOS ANGELES HAVE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR
10 THEIR SUPPORT TO INCREASE GLOBAL CONNECTEDNESS AS A WAY TO
11 CREATE JOBS, GOOD JOBS, AND ENSURE A VIBRANT ECONOMY. AND THE
12 STRATEGIC PLAN HAS ALL THE RIGHT ELEMENTS TO HELP US ENCOURAGE
13 INVESTMENTS IN L.A. COUNTY AND HELP OUR LOCAL COMPANIES EXPORT
14 TO INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS. FROM A MORE PERSONAL NOTE,
15 HAVING LISTENED TO WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID EARLIER, IT
16 REALLY TOUCHED MY HEART BECAUSE I GREW UP IN A FAMILY THAT
17 ACTUALLY NEEDED THAT SUPPORT NETWORK, THAT SAFETY NETWORK.
18 IT'S BECAUSE OF STRATEGIC PLAN LIKE THIS THAT SETS US ON THE
19 PATH SO THAT WE CAN REMAIN COMPETITIVE, SO THAT WE CAN HELP
20 INDIVIDUALS AND RESIDENTS LIKE MYSELF TO BE ABLE TO REACH THE
21 NEXT LEVEL, TO RISE THE BOAT FOR EVERYBODY TO HAVE A FAIR
22 CHANCE TO COMPETE IN THE ECONOMIC MARKET. THANK YOU.
23

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ALSO CALL UP -- I
2 BELIEVE WE CALLED UP ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS AND ALSO BILL
3 ALLEN. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** HAPPY NEW YEAR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND VARIOUS
6 SUPERVISORS. THIS IS VERY EXCITING, OBVIOUSLY. AND I'D JUST
7 LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE STRONG GUST OF GOOD
8 CHEER FROM THE SOUTH ON ITEM 2 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
9 SIR. AND THIS IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH OBVIOUSLY
10 REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT, BECAUSE WE
11 HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO DO. THIS IS 2016. WE'RE GOING TO KICK
12 IT OFF BY LOOKING AT THE LIST OF WHO'S PARTICIPATING IN THE
13 STRATEGIC SESSIONS. AND RIGHT UP FRONT IT'S EASY TO SEE THAT
14 A.E.C.O.M. PARTICIPATED TWICE, RIGHT UP FRONT. IT MUST HAVE
15 BEEN A TYPO BECAUSE I NOTICED ONLY A COUPLE OTHERS, CITY OF
16 LANCASTER -- AND WHAT IS THE CITY OF STUDIO CITY IMPROVEMENT
17 ASSOCIATION? THEY'VE ALSO PARTICIPATED. I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH
18 THAT GROUP. I DO KNOW THERE'S THE RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION THE
19 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. BUT THIS IS GREAT NEWS. I UNDERSTAND
20 WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE'RE STIMULATING. THERE'S BIOMED FOLKS
21 WE'VE HELPED OUT IN HERE. THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT FOR
22 TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF OUR CHALLENGES AND BRING FORWARD GOOD
23 JOBS AND I ADMIRE WHAT YOU'RE DOING ON THAT. THIS BOARD IS
24 TAKING SOME REAL ACTION, CERTAINLY ON THE CAFETERIA WORKER
25 PIECE, AND A DIFFERENT ITEM IS A NICE LITTLE WAY TO GET THAT

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1 GOING. SO I WOULD SAY KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK IN THIS SPACE.
2 THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT THAT REQUIRE A
3 TEENY BIT. THERE IS THE MARKETING PIECE, WHICH WE WILL HAVE A
4 FIVE-YEAR NEW ROLLOUT. HOW CAN WE MAKE SENSE OF WHAT L.A.
5 COUNTY IS AND CAN BE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EVERYTHING
6 ELSE? I THINK THAT THEN IS A GOOD TIME TO ALSO FOCUS ON SOME
7 OF THE MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS LIKE OUR JUSTICE PROBLEM AND
8 OUR PROBLEM WITH, OF COURSE, THE HOMELESS POPULATION THAT IS
9 NOT RECEDING AT THIS TIME. AND SO I LOOK FORWARD TO 2016 WHEN
10 THE BOARD, WITH THIS GROUP OF HELPFUL HELPERS, FINDS A WAY TO
11 SOLVE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. AND THANK YOU.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS, WITH A
16 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION HERE. LET'S SEE. THREE MONTHS REPORT
17 BACK. DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IN THREE MONTHS? YOU SPEND \$6
18 BILLION, \$3 BILLION. YOUR BUDGET IS OVER \$500 MILLION A WEEK.
19 SO THAT'S \$3 BILLION IN THREE MONTHS. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY TO
20 BE SPENDING. DIDN'T YOU HAVE THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA LAST
21 YEAR WHERE YOU HAD -- AS A MATTER OF FACT, MR. ALLEN WAS HERE
22 FOR L.A.E.D.C. YOU HIRED THREE CONSULTANTS. YOU WERE TALKING
23 ABOUT DOING ALL THIS HIRING. IT'S GOING THE STIMULATE THE
24 ECONOMY AND DO ALL THIS STUFF. MR. KNABE, YOU HAD IT ON THE
25 AGENDA. I THINK IT WAS IN NOVEMBER. YOU HIRED THREE

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1 CONSULTANTS. THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS. WE
2 HEARD TALK ABOUT A SAFETY NET. IT MEANS THAT SOME PEOPLE WILL
3 SLIDE THROUGH. THE PROBLEM WITH YOUR SAFETY NET: YOU COULDN'T
4 CATCH THE PLANET JUPITER IN YOUR SAFETY NET. AND JOB TRAINING,
5 YOU WANT FRIES WITH THAT COKE? HOLY COW. THIS WAS A STORY FROM
6 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH TALKING ABOUT ACTUALLY SAN BERNADINO
7 COUNTY. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS HAS
8 BEEN ADVOCATING FOR THE SECTOR'S GROWTH, AND IT TALKS ABOUT
9 HOW THE LOGISTICS INDUSTRY IS THE MEDIAN WAGE IS \$43 MILLION.
10 BUT RESEARCHERS AT UC RIVERSIDE SAID THAT FIGURE IS SKEWERED
11 BY HIGH PAYING MANAGERIAL JOBS THAT MAY NOT EVEN BE IN THE
12 REGION AND THAT THE AVERAGE WAGE IS ABOUT \$22,000. SO THERE'S
13 A DIFFERENCE THERE. AND THE REASON I BRING THAT UP IS BECAUSE
14 S.C.A.G., SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA GOVERNANCE, USES L.A.E.D.C.
15 AS THE ECONOMIC CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY. SO PUT THAT IN YOUR
16 PIPE AND SMOKE IT ALSO, PLEASE.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HAPPY NEW YEAR, BILL.

19

20 **BILL ALLEN:** HAPPY NEW YEAR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. HAPPY NEW YEAR
21 TO ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF
22 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS
23 MOTION AND IN SUPPORT OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AT ITS CORE, THE
25 PLAN REPRESENTS AN ACTION-ORIENTED BLUEPRINT FOR HOW TO GROW

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1 OUR ECONOMY AND IMPROVE STANDARDS OF LIVING FOR A FAR GREATER
2 NUMBER OF L.A. COUNTY'S RESIDENTS. UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL
3 TAKE THE POWER OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO ELEVATE THE
4 HUMAN CONDITION AND IMPROVE STANDARDS OF LIVING THROUGHOUT LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY, THIS PLAN WAS CREATED THROUGH A VERY PUBLIC
6 AND CONSENSUS-DRIVEN PROCESS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE MORE
7 THAN 500 CIVIC STAKEHOLDERS FROM BUSINESS, EDUCATION,
8 GOVERNMENT, LABOR, PHILANTHROPY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND FAITH-
9 BASED COMMUNITIES WHO ALL PARTICIPATED IN 26 PUBLIC INPUT
10 SESSIONS HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS PLAN REFLECTS NOT
11 ONLY OUR ORGANIZATION'S BEST THINKING BUT THEIR BEST THINKING,
12 THE CONSENSUS OF CONSTITUENTS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY.
13 THROUGHOUT THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS IT BECAME VERY CLEAR WE
14 NEED TO NOT ONLY HELP L.A. COUNTY SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES IN KEY
15 INDUSTRIES, SUCH AS BIOSCIENCES BUT ALSO CONTEND WITH THE MANY
16 CHALLENGES WE FACE AS OUR ECONOMY FAST TRANSITIONS INTO THE
17 INFORMATION AGE. WE ALL AGREE THAT IT BEGINS WITH INVESTING IN
18 OUR PEOPLE. BUT IT ALSO MEANS ENHANCING THE LIVABILITY OF OUR
19 COMMUNITIES, LEVERAGING OUR COUNTY'S INNOVATION ASSETS,
20 STRENGTHENING OUR KEY TRADED INDUSTRY CLUSTERS, INCREASING OUR
21 GLOBAL CONNECTIONS, MAINTAINING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND
22 EMBRACING A MORE CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE
23 BUSINESSES THAT CREATE JOBS. THROUGH THE MOTION TODAY, THE
24 BOARD IS HONORING THE WORK OF THIS DIVERSE GROUP OF
25 STAKEHOLDERS BY ENGAGING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND RESOURCES TO

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1 HELP IMPLEMENT KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN. FOR THE L.A.E.D.C.'S
2 PART, WE PLAN TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY C.E.O. AND THE
3 RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS AND THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO
4 DEVELOP AND EMPLOY AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY. WORKING
5 TOGETHER WE BELIEVE WE CAN CREATE A MORE PROSPEROUS AND
6 EQUITABLE ECONOMY THAT WILL PAY HUGE PERSONAL DIVIDENDS IN THE
7 LIVES OF THE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES OF L.A. COUNTY. AND FOR
8 THIS OPPORTUNITY, WE THANK YOU, CHAIR SOLIS, AND WE THANK ALL
9 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT WAS A PLEASURE
12 WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF. WE HAVE ONE LAST WITNESS,
13 DAVID RATTRAY.

14

15 **DAVID RATTRAY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID
16 RATTRAY. I'M THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION AND
17 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER AND THE
18 PRESIDENT OF UNITE L.A., WHICH IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE L.A.
19 CHAMBER. AND WE ALSO ARE THE CONVENER OF THE L.A. COMPACT,
20 WHICH THIS, YOU ALL, SUPERVISORS, ENDORSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO
21 WITH A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND I WILL SAY, IN
22 THE CONTEXT OF THE L.A. COMPACT, YOU CHALLENGED ME AND US TO
23 MAKE SURE THAT THE COMPACT WAS IN SUPPORT OF ALL RESIDENTS
24 THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE REGION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND
25 THIS PLAN IS ACTUALLY AN EXCELLENT WAY FOR US TO FULFILL OUR

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1 PLEDGE TO YOU AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERY YOUNG PERSON, EVERY
2 ADULT WITHIN THIS REGION HAVE PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS AND CAN HAVE
3 FULL INCLUSION IN ECONOMIC SUCCESS. SO I RISE IN SUPPORT OF
4 THE MOTION. WE APPLAUD BOTH THE PROCESS AND THE PRODUCT.
5 L.A.E.D.C., I THINK, DID A SPECTACULAR JOB OF INVITING US AND
6 SO MANY OTHERS TO PROVIDE INPUT. WE WILL SERVE AS REQUESTED.
7 WE WERE ASKING THE PRIOR STRATEGIC PLAN TO BE ONE AMONG OTHER
8 CHAMPIONS OF THE EDUCATION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMPONENTS.
9 AND ONCE AGAIN, IF ASKED BY L.A.E.D.C. AND YOU ALL AND OTHER
10 STAKEHOLDERS, WE WILL SERVE AND HELP CHAMPION. WE APPLAUD THE
11 FACT THAT THEY ARE FOCUSED ON PEOPLE AND ON YOUTH AND ON
12 EDUCATION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AS A LEAD STRATEGY. IT'S THE
13 STRATEGY THAT WE EMBODY IN OUR WORK, IN OUR MISSION. WE'RE
14 ALSO IMPRESSED THAT IT HAS A VIEW TOWARD ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT
15 SAYS UNLESS EVERYONE IS INCLUDED AND EVERYONE'S A WINNER,
16 THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH AND WE CAN DO BETTER. AND I APPLAUD THE
17 L.A.E.D.C. AND ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE
18 TALKING ABOUT EVERYBODY THAT LIVES WITHIN THIS COUNTY SHOULD
19 HAVE A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS AND SHOULD DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH
20 THAT IS SHARED AMONG ALL. SO THE L.A. COMPACT AND OURSELVES
21 ARE GOING TO BE AT YOUR SERVICE READY TO HELP ACTUALIZE THE
22 AMBITION OF THIS PLAN. THANK YOU.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE VOTE, I JUST WANT TO
25 AGAIN THANK OUR STAFFS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MY STAFF,

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1 RUSSELL HORNING, WHO WORKED, I KNOW, TIRELESSLY ON THIS ISSUE,
2 BUT ALSO WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND OUR CONVENORS. AND I THINK,
3 YES, INDEED, IT IS A NEW DAY FOR THE COUNTY. WE CAN EMPOWER
4 THOSE THAT ARE AT THE VERY BOTTOM AND THOSE ARE THAT ARE
5 STRIVING TO GET TO THE TOP THAT ARE IN THE MIDDLE. SO I THINK
6 THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO START THE YEAR. AND I THANK EVERYONE. AS
7 THIS HAS BEEN MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY ME AS
8 AMENDED, AND THERE'S NO OPPOSITION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TO THE WITNESSES. THANK YOU.
10 GOING TO TAKE UP, MEMBERS, ITEM NO. 4. THIS IS SUPERVISOR
11 KNABE'S AND MY ITEM. BUT I RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KNABE. I HAVE
12 AN AMENDMENT. OKAY. WELL I AM GOING TO READ IN AN AMENDMENT,
13 AND I AGAIN WANT TO THANK ALSO SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HIS
14 LEADERSHIP, FOR THE MANY YEARS THAT HE'S DEDICATED ON BEHALF
15 OF OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE HERE. I WANT TO
16 STRONGLY ISSUE MY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE HOME FOR HEROES
17 PROGRAM AND WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. AS WELL AS GENERAL WONG
18 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, D.M.H. AND
19 C.D.C. FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. I WANT TO MAKE AN
20 AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO REFLECT THE NEED TO SUPPORT. I WANT
21 TO UNDERSCORE THE 400-PLUS HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS IN THE
22 COUNTY IN ADDITION TO THOSE WITH CHILDREN. MANY OF THESE WOMEN
23 HAVE ADVERSE EVENTS THAT HAD OCCURRED WHILE THEY WERE SERVING
24 IN THE MILITARY, HAVING BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSED OR ASSAULTED
25 AND HAVE LEFT SERVICE. THEY SERVED OUR COUNTRY, AS YOU KNOW,

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1 HONORABLY AND SUFFERED THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. WE NEED
2 TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT THEM THROUGH THEIR TRAUMA AND
3 HELP THEM REPAVE THEIR LIVES TO A ROAD TO A HEALTHY RECOVERY,
4 INCLUDING PROVIDING THEM WITH SAFE HAVENS, MEANING SHELTER. SO
5 I'D LIKE TO READ THIS AMENDMENT. THUS, I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING
6 AMENDMENT. "WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE REMAINING \$1,233,500 OF
7 THE \$5 MILLION HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE SET ASIDE BE
8 EARMARKED FOR VETERANS ADVOCACY PROGRAMS AND HOMELESS WOMEN
9 VETERANS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH CHILDREN, WHICH WILL BE A PART
10 OF THE PACKAGE FOR RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES FOR THE HOMELESS
11 INITIATIVE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE BOARD CONSIDERATION IN
12 FEBRUARY OF 2016. OKAY. THAT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WE
13 DO HAVE SOME WITNESSES. I'D LIKE TO ASK STEPHEN PECK TO COME
14 FORWARD AND ALSO MIKE MURRAY.

15

16 **MIKE MURRAY:** CHAIR SOLIS, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MIKE MURRAY.
17 I'M ON THE NATIONAL BOARD OF U.S. VETS, AND I CHAIR THE
18 ADVISORY COUNCIL OF U.S. VETS, LONG BEACH. WITH GREAT HELP
19 FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 500 HOMELESS VETERANS ARE
20 HOUSED AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND SUPPORT TO REGAIN THEIR
21 FOOTING AT THE LONG BEACH SITE. THERE ARE 5,000 VETERANS AND
22 11 U.S. VET SITES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ON BEHALF OF VETERANS
23 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I APPLAUD AND THANK YOU FOR
24 YOUR EFFORTS TO ASSIST VETERANS. ALL CONFLICTS THAT HAVE BEEN
25 FOUGHT HAVE SOME COMMONALITIES. ONE IS MEN AND WOMEN HAVE

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1 GIVEN UP THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF THIS COUNTRY TO SERVE US. WITH
2 THE NEW ARMY RANGERS, CAPTAIN KRISTEN GRIEST, FIRST LIEUTENANT
3 SHAYE HAVER, AND APACHE FIGHTER PILOT AND MAJOR AND MOTHER OF
4 TWO, LISA JASTER, WOMEN WILL BE IN OUR ELITE FIGHTING UNITS ON
5 AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. AS YOU KNOW, WOMEN HAVE BEEN FIGHTING
6 SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH MEN FOR SOME TIME. IT IS OUR DUTY TO
7 SERVE THESE VETERANS UPON THEIR RETURN AND REINTEGRATION WHO
8 HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT FOR OUR SAFETY. THE ALLOCATIONS
9 YOU'RE CONSIDERING TODAY WILL DO JUST THAT. THANK YOU AGAIN.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

12

13 **STEPHEN PECK:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS
14 FORWARD, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KNABE. MY NAME IS STEPHEN PECK.
15 I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF U.S. VETS. WE ARE THE LARGEST
16 SERVICE PROVIDER IN THE COUNTRY PROVIDING HOUSING AND SERVICES
17 SPECIFICALLY TO HOMELESS VETERANS. AND I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE
18 4,000 OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND I'M A VIETNAM VET, ARE
19 SLEEPING IN THE RAIN TONIGHT. AND THIS RECOMMENDATION HAS A
20 POSSIBILITY TO BRING SOME OF THEM OFF THE STREET. AS WE HAVE
21 ALL LEARNED BY NOW, HOMELESSNESS IS THE RESULT OF A WHOLE
22 SERIES OF EVENTS. THERE'S LOSS OF INCOME. THERE'S MENTAL
23 ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, LOSS OF JOBS, LOSS OF FAMILY,
24 ISOLATION, ALL RESULTING IN LOSING THEIR HOUSING AND
25 HOMELESSNESS. SO ALONG WITH PERMANENT HOUSING, IT WILL BE

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1 ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE A ROBUST ARRAY OF HOMELESS PREVENTION
2 SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS
3 AND FEMALE SEXUAL TRAUMA, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR
4 REHABILITATION, EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, AND SOBRIETY SUPPORT.
5 THERE'S NO ONE SINGLE FACTOR THAT WILL END HOMELESSNESS AS WE
6 KNOW IT, BUT OUR ABILITY TO ORGANIZE OUR EFFORTS AND
7 STRENGTHEN THAT LINK BETWEEN HOMELESS AND HOUSING IS CRUCIAL
8 TO OUR SUCCESS AND TO ENDING THIS ONGOING TRAGEDY. WE ARE
9 STILL SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY ON THE MANIFESTATIONS OF
10 HOMELESSNESS RATHER THAN THE ROOT CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS. THE
11 MONEY WE DO SPEND NEEDS TO BE DIRECTED AT SPECIFIC ACTIONS
12 THAT WILL ATTACK THE WEAK POINTS OF OUR HOMELESSNESS PLAN.
13 RIGHT NOW, ONE OF THOSE WEAK POINTS IS OUR ABILITY TO GET
14 VETERANS, EVEN THOSE WITH V.A. SUPPORTIVE VOUCHERS IN HAND,
15 INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THE RECOMMENDATION IN THIS MOTION WILL
16 PROVIDE KEY SPECIFIC ACTIONS THAT WILL HELP. THE BRIDGE
17 FUNDING TO GET VETERANS INTO HOUSING AND OFF THE STREET WHILE
18 THEY ARE AWAITING PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENT, INCENTIVE FOR
19 LANDLORDS TO RENT TO THESE VETERANS WITH VOUCHERS, AND MOVE-IN
20 COSTS, THE LACK OF WHICH WILL PREVENT SOME OF THEM FROM
21 GETTING OFF THE STREET. IN SPITE OF ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS
22 DONE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS TO HELP AND HOUSE HOMELESS
23 VETERANS, THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US. AND AS
24 YOGI BERRA SAID, "IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER," AND IT AIN'T
25 OVER YET. IT'S OUR PERSISTENCE AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL THAT

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1 WILL GET THIS JOB DONE, AND THIS RECOMMENDATION TAKES CARE OF
2 SOME OF THOSE DETAILS AND WILL DEMONSTRATE NOT ONLY OUR DEEP
3 UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM BUT OUR WILLINGNESS TO DO
4 WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SOLVE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOU
7 FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE ON THIS ISSUE. I REMEMBER FONDLY AS
8 THE SECRETARY OF LABOR VISITING YOUR FACILITY SEVERAL TIMES
9 AND SEEING YOUR INITIATIVES BEING PUSHED THROUGH VERY
10 EFFECTIVELY, KNOWING THAT WE NEED TO GROW. I THANK YOU FOR
11 COMING IN AND TESTIFYING. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED
12 AND SECONDED. MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY SOLIS. AND AS
13 AMENDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. I APPRECIATE IT.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM, MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING
18 TO BE GOING TO REPORT NUMBER 1. AND I'LL ASK JEFF REEVE TO
19 BRING HIS GROUP BEFORE US. JEFF PERRY. LEONARD MCCRAY. GAIL
20 FARBER. DAVE RICHARDSON. MARSHA MAYEDA, DAVID SUMMERS AND PHIL
21 ANSEM.

22

23 **JEFF REEVE:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR. JEFF REEVE, DIRECTOR
24 OF OPERATIONS, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. GOOD MORNING,
25 MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M JOINED HERE BY OUR

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1 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND KEY OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES, WHO WILL GIVE
2 YOU A BRIEF UPDATE REGARDING THEIR CURRENT WINTER STORM
3 OPERATIONS. THE WINTER STORM IS FINALLY HERE. ONE OF OUR FIRST
4 WINTER STORMS, I MIGHT ADD. AND THEIR PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS.
5 AFTER THEIR COMMENTS AND YOUR QUESTIONS, I WILL CONCLUDE
6 TODAY'S REPORT WITH MY PREPARED COMMENTS ADDRESSING THE MOTION
7 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FROM DECEMBER 15, 2015. AT THIS
8 TIME, WE'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE GAIL FARBER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
9 WORKS.

10

11 **GAIL FARBER:** GOOD MORNING. QUICK WEATHER UPDATE FOR THIS WEEK.
12 MOVING FORWARD, THE STRONGEST RAINFALL FROM THESE TWO STORMS
13 IS EXPECTED TODAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY, WITH AN ANTICIPATED 2 TO
14 4 INCHES OF RAIN ON THE COAST AND IN VALLEYS AND 3 TO 5 INCHES
15 OF RAIN IN OUR FOOTHILLS AND MOUNTAIN AREAS WITH THE HEAVIEST
16 RAINFALL AMOUNTS AND RATES ON OUR SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST FACING
17 MOUNTAIN SLOPES. SNOW LEVELS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT 5,000 FEET
18 TONIGHT THROUGH WEDNESDAY. BOTH SYSTEMS THIS WEEK BRING STRONG
19 WINDS WITH THEM, WITH GUSTS ON OUR COASTS AND IN THE VALLEYS
20 UP TO 25 MILES PER HOUR AND UP TO 45 MILES PER HOUR IN OUR
21 MOUNTAIN AREAS. WITH THESE TYPES OF STORMS, WE CAN EXPECT TO
22 SEE THE POTENTIAL FOR SNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH REDUCED
23 ROADWAY VISIBILITY, FLASH FLOODING IN NORTH COUNTY AREAS AND
24 FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. ALSO, WE EXPECT
25 THE POTENTIAL FOR MUD AND DEBRIS FLOWS IN MOUNTAIN AREAS AND

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1 FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS COASTAL HILLSIDE COMMUNITIES.
2 ALSO WE CAN EXPECT FLOODING IN THE LOW-LYING AREAS OF THE
3 COAST AND LOCALIZED FLOODING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND WE
4 EXPECT ROADWAY FLOODING AND HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS. WITH
5 THIS FORECAST, PUBLIC WORKS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE THIS
6 MORNING AT 7:00 THE DEPARTMENT ACTIVATED ITS EMERGENCY
7 OPERATIONS CENTER IN RESPONSE TO THESE STORM EVENTS AFFECTING
8 THE REGION TODAY THAT ARE FORECAST THROUGH FRIDAY THIS WEEK.
9 WE FORTIFIED OUR STAFFING AT OUR 24 HOUR DISPATCH CENTER TO
10 RECEIVE CALLS AND DEPLOY RESPONSE TEAMS. WE HAVE CLOSED
11 MOUNTAIN ROADS, INCLUDING LAKE HUGHES ROAD BETWEEN WARM
12 STRINGS AND NEW VAIL DRIVE. WE'VE CLOSED GLENDORA RIDGE ROAD
13 BETWEEN GLENDORA MOUNTAIN ROAD AND MOUNT BALDY ROAD. WE ALSO
14 CLOSED BIKE PATHS ALONG OUR RIVERS AND ACTIVATED OUR STORM
15 PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND PREDEPLOYED HEAVY EQUIPMENT
16 AND RESOURCES IN HIGH-RISK AREAS. WE CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
17 OUTREACH TO OUR AREA COMMUNITIES, OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THE
18 MEDIA ON EL NI O PREPAREDNESS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH
19 THE COUNTY. AS I NOTIFIED YOUR BOARD YESTERDAY, WE ARE WORKING
20 WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING EL NI O
21 PREPAREDNESS AND CONTINUING TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING FOR
22 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORK REMAINING TO REDUCE FLOOD RISK.
23 RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR RESIDENTS TO REMIND THEM
24 TO STAY INFORMED DEALING WITH STORM EVENTS UNDER ANY
25 CIRCUMSTANCES. WE NEED THEIR SUPPORT IN STAYING PREPARED AND

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1 STAYING INFORMED AND TO REPORT ANY INCIDENCES BEFORE THEY
2 BECOME LARGE INCIDENTS. WE HAVE SEVERAL COUNTY RESOURCES
3 AVAILABLE TO DO SO, WHICH I'M SURE IS GOING TO BE COVERED IN
4 THE REST OF THE OF OUR PRESENTATION THIS MORNING.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD I JUST ASK A QUICK QUESTION?

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8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** ON THE BIKE PATHS, HOW DO YOU PREVENT PEOPLE FROM
11 ACCESSING THEM? WHEN YOU SAY YOU CLOSE THEM. THERE ARE 100
12 WAYS TO ACCESS THEM.

13

14 **GAIL FARBER:** THEY ARE GATED. AND SO IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG
15 THE RIVER REACHES THAT WE CAN CLOSE AND GATE THEM. AND THEN WE
16 ALSO PATROL THEM AND POST SIGNAGE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WHO PATROLS THEM?

19

20 **GAIL FARBER:** PUBLIC WORKS.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU, GAIL.
23 I WANTED TO KNOW, YOU'VE BEEN REPORTING BACK TO US THAT YOU'VE
24 MET WITH SEVERAL OF OUR CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND I'D
25 LIKE TO ASK YOU HOW MANY OF THOSE CITIES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED.

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2 **GAIL FARBER:** I DON'T HAVE THOSE NUMBERS HERE, BUT I WOULD
3 ESTIMATE MOST EVERY SINGLE CITY HAS BEEN CONTACTED IN SOME
4 FORM OR FASHION WITH OUR COUNTY MESSAGING THAT WE'VE DONE. WE
5 CONTINUE EVERY WEEK AND EVERY DAY. WE'RE MAKING PRESENTATIONS
6 TO CITY COUNCILS, COGS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS. I COULD PREPARE -
7 - THOSE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE, THAT MASTER CALENDAR IS
8 AVAILABLE THAT WE CAN SHARE WITH YOU.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DID HAVE A QUESTION REGARDING IN THE
11 EVENT THERE'S A POWER OUTAGE, WHICH WE'RE EXPERIENCING RIGHT
12 NOW IN SOME PARTS OF L.A. COUNTY, HOW DOES YOUR NUMBER, THE 1-
13 800-875-HELP DIRECT CONSTITUENTS TO EDISON? SOUTHERN CAL
14 EDISON?

15

16 **GAIL FARBER:** THE LINKS TO SOUTHERN CAL EDISON ARE ON OUR
17 WEBSITE. WE ALSO FORWARD THOSE, IF WE RECEIVE A COMPLAINT OR A
18 REPORT OF A POWER OUTAGE, WE FORWARD THOSE, AS WELL, TO
19 EDISON. SO THERE'S THE LINKS, IF THEY WANT TO CONTACT EDISON
20 DIRECTLY, ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AS WELL AS THE COUNTY'S
21 EL NI O WEBSITE AS WELL.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT WHEN PEOPLE CALL, IS THERE ANYTHING
24 THAT IMMEDIATELY WILL ALLOW FOR YOUR DISPATCH?

25

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1 **GAIL FARBER:** YES. THAT 1-800 NUMBER GOES DIRECTLY TO OUR
2 DISPATCH CENTER AND THEY WILL FORWARD IT TO THE APPROPRIATE
3 EMERGENCY DISPATCH PERSONNEL.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. I DID HAVE A QUESTION ALSO, AND I
6 KNOW WE WILL HEAR FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON
7 PREPAREDNESS. I WAS INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE SHELTERS THAT WAS
8 OPEN IN ONE OF MY AREAS, BASSETT PARK, AND I WANTED TO HEAR
9 HOW THAT WAS GOING ABOUT, HOW THEY WERE SELECTED. I KNOW
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ALSO HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THAT.
11 PERHAPS THAT CAN WAIT.

12

13 **JEFF REEVE:** I AM GOING TO SPECIFICALLY SPEAK ABOUT THE
14 AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE
15 YOUR QUESTION AT THAT TIME.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. I DO WANT TO READ IN A MOTION. I
18 KNOW THAT OUR BOARD HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE ARMY CORPS OF
19 ENGINEERS HAS NOT RECEIVED SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO PROVIDE ITS
20 MOST CRITICALLY NEEDED MAINTENANCE OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER
21 AND OTHER TRIBUTARIES. AND I AM PROPOSING THAT WE SEND A
22 LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO OUR DELEGATION
23 TO REQUEST --. AS WE'VE HEARD, AT LEAST THE BOARD MEMBERS WHO
24 HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THERE ISN'T SUFFICIENT FUNDING BEING
25 PROVIDED BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO HELP US WHEN WE

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1 FACE DISASTERS HERE, AND WE SEE THAT THERE IS A SHORTFALL
2 ESTIMATED AT \$4.5 MILLION. CERTAINLY THE COUNTY SHOULD BE VERY
3 CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THAT WILL BE PICKED UP. AND CERTAINLY WE
4 NEED TO HAVE OUR DELEGATION, I BELIEVE. AND I THINK OTHER
5 MEMBERS MAY WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT, AS WELL, IN
6 TERMS OF GETTING SUPPORT FROM OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO
7 HELP PROVIDE THIS FUNDING IMMEDIATELY. SO, WE DO HAVE AN
8 AMENDMENT AND I'D LIKE TO READ IT IN, AND IT READS AS FOLLOWS.
9 "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN COORDINATION WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO
11 PREPARE A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO CONGRESS AND THE ASSISTANT
12 SECRETARY OF THE ARMY EXPRESSING THE YOUR URGENCY OF THE
13 NEEDED MAINTENANCE AND REQUESTING THAT THEY IMMEDIATELY
14 APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO ALLOW THE CORPS TO PREPARE
15 THE FACILITIES FOR THE EL NI O STORM SEASON." I'D LIKE TO ASK
16 FOR A SECOND. MOVED AND SECONDED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. AND,
17 YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YEAH, I THINK THERE'S URGENCY IN THIS, OF
20 COURSE, BECAUSE THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS NEEDS TO DO THE
21 WORK THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. I THINK WE'VE ALREADY BEGUN
22 TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF AN IMPACT, BECAUSE I HEAR THAT THE
23 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS OKAYED SOME MONEY FOR THE ARMY CORPS,
24 BUT IT'S NO WHERE NEAR WHAT'S NEEDED. SO I THINK THE URGENCY
25 OF SENDING THIS RIGHT AWAY IS VERY HIGH. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ADD, THE C.E.O., WE HAVE A PERSON
3 THAT ACTUALLY ON THE AGENDA TODAY, R.J., WE'VE ASKED HER TO
4 GET INVOLVED. SHE HAS INCREDIBLE CONTACT WITH THE ARMY CORPS.
5 SHE HAS DONE GREAT WORK FOR US WITH THE COUNTY, BOTH WITH
6 DREDGING AS WELL AS THE L.A.C.W.A. PROJECT AND TO MAKE
7 CONTACT. AND SOME OF US MAY HAVE TO MAKE SOME PHONE CALLS IN,
8 BECAUSE I TOTALLY AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL THAT THIS IS AN
9 URGENT NATURE, LIKE YOU DO. AND WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO
10 FACILITATE IT. IT WAS AN OUTRAGEOUS ANSWER, BUT WE'VE HAD THAT
11 ANSWER BEFORE AS RELATED TO DREDGING AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY
12 KINDS OF ISSUES OF GETTING THE COAST GUARD BOATS OUT AND
13 THINGS LIKE THAT. SO I THINK WE'RE DOING THE APPROPRIATE THING
14 BY STEPPING UP THE ACTION, PHONE CALLS IF NECESSARY. AND I
15 KNOW THAT SACHI IS ON IT, AS WELL, TOO. SO THANK YOU, SACHI.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS. HOW HAVE THE TOWN
20 COUNCILS AND THE COGS BEEN CONTACTED RELATIVE TO EL NI O?

21

22 **GAIL FARBER:** AS WE MENTIONED AND MAYBE PERHAPS DAVE SUMMERS
23 COULD COVER THAT OR I'LL TOUCH UPON THAT WITH THE COUNTY
24 UNIFIED OUTREACH CAMPAIGN THAT WE'VE BEEN ENGAGED IN OVER THE
25 LAST SEVERAL MONTHS WITH RESPECT TO OUTREACH ONLINE, IN PRINT,

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1 IN PERSON, TO CITY MANAGERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, NEWSLETTERS
2 AND COMMUNITIES THAT WE'RE STILL OUTREACHING EVERY SINGLE DAY.
3 TO ALL THE COGS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS.
4 AND SO WE CONTINUE TO OUTREACH TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITIES
5 THAT ARE IN THOSE VULNERABLE AREAS ARE PROVIDED THE RESOURCES
6 AND INFORMATION TO BE PREPARED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE DEBRIS BASINS, CATCH BASINS AND
9 SPREADING GROUNDS, THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INSPECTED THAT
10 THEY'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS RAINFALL?

11

12 **GAIL FARBER:** YES, SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE 114 DEBRIS BASINS AND 27
13 SPREADING GROUNDS. THEY HAVE BEEN INSPECTED, AND THEY ARE
14 PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE RAIN.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO
17 RESPOND?

18

19 **GAIL FARBER:** THAT'S THE PLAN.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE THAT?

22

23 **GAIL FARBER:** YES, WE DO. AND WE PREDEPLOYED AND PRESTAGED
24 EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES IN THESE VULNERABLE AREAS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, YOU ALREADY
2 HAVE A RENTAL ABILITY TO ACQUIRE THAT EQUIPMENT?

3

4 **GAIL FARBER:** YEAH. WE SECURED A SEASONAL RENTAL OF EXTRA HEAVY
5 DUTY EQUIPMENT FOR THE SEASON. BECAUSE WHEN WE HAD THE
6 FATALITY ON THE METROLINK, THE PEOPLE WERE STRANDED FOR HOURS
7 BECAUSE ALL THE BUSES HAD BEEN CONTRACTED FOR THE ROSE PARADE
8 AND ROSE BOWL. THOSE PEOPLE WERE LEFT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE
9 ANY BUSES TO TAKE THOSE PEOPLE. THAT'S WHY I'M JUST SAYING. WE
10 HAVE RENTAL EQUIPMENT IN PLACE IF WE NEED IT?

11

12 **GAIL FARBER:** CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE RECENT BURN AREAS, ARE THEY PREPARED, THE
15 STAFF, TO RESPOND TO ANY EMERGENCY THAT SHOULD ARISE THERE?

16

17 **GAIL FARBER:** WITH RESPECT TO NOTIFYING COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE
18 RISK, THE ANSWER IS YES. WE'VE DONE EXTENSIVE OUTREACH INTO
19 THOSE FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES THAT ARE AT HIGHER RISK DUE TO THE
20 BURN AREAS, AS WELL AS INTERNALLY WITH OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE,
21 OUR JOINT UNIFIED COMMAND, THAT WE'RE READY TO RESPOND IN AN
22 EFFECTIVE MANNER SHOULD ANY DEBRIS OR MUD FLOWS HAPPEN.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO WE INFORM THE RESIDENTS OF ROAD
25 CLOSURES?

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2 **GAIL FARBER:** DAILY OR WHEN WE CONDUCT ROAD CLOSURES, WE WILL
3 DO PRESS RELEASES, WHICH ARE PICKED UP BY THE MEDIA. WE ALSO
4 POST THAT ON OUR WEBSITE AND THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE, AS WELL.

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6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING TO
7 CAPTURE AS MUCH OF THIS RAIN WATER AS POSSIBLE?

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9 **GAIL FARBER:** AS WE MENTIONED, ALL OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE HAS
10 BEEN CLEARED OUT AND OUR SPREADING GROUNDS AND OUR DAMS AND
11 RESERVOIRS ARE READY TO RECEIVE THE WATER AND RECHARGE IT.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID WE PREPARE FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES TO
14 CAPTURE THAT WATER?

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16 **GAIL FARBER:** TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WITH RESPECT TO?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAPTURING ADDITIONAL RAIN WATER.

19

20 **GAIL FARBER:** YES. ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S IN PLACE,
21 TEMPORARY AND THE PERMANENT IS BEING ENGAGED RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO COULD YOU GIVE THE REPORT TO THE BOARD ON
24 THE TEMPORARY STRUCTURES YOU ACQUIRED?

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1 **GAIL FARBER:** DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON THAT, GARY?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR. OVER THE LAST 10 TO 15 YEARS, PUBLIC
4 WORKS HAS INVESTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN EXPANDING OUR
5 CAPABILITY OF OUR SPREADING GROUNDS. SO THE NEED TO INCREASE
6 LOCAL STORM WATER CAPTURE HAS BEEN AN ISSUE THAT'S BEEN AT THE
7 FOREFRONT OF WHAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY FOR
8 MANY DECADES. SO IN ANTICIPATION OF SEASONS SUCH AS THIS,
9 WE'VE ALREADY EXPANDED OUR CAPABILITIES AT OUR EXISTING
10 SPREADING GROUNDS TREMENDOUSLY. WE ALREADY PROVIDE A THIRD OF
11 THE LOCAL WATER SUPPLY WITHIN THE L.A. REGION THROUGH THESE
12 STORM WATER CAPTURE AND GROUND WATER RECHARGE EFFORTS THAT ARE
13 DONE BY PUBLIC WORKS. SO IT'S BEEN AN ONGOING EFFORT EXPANDING
14 OUR DAMS, SPREADING GROUNDS TO CAPTURE MORE STORM WATER.

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16 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MUCH STORM WATER GOES TO THE
17 OCEAN THAT WE DON'T CAPTURE?

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19 **SPEAKER:** WELL IN A TYPICAL YEAR, PUBLIC WORKS IS ABLE TO
20 CAPTURE, IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AS MUCH AS 90 PERCENT OF
21 THE STORM WATER. IN THE L.A. RIVER WATERSHED, WE CAPTURE AN
22 AVERAGE AROUND 15 PERCENT OR SO. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE CITY
23 OF L.A. THEY DEVELOPED A STORM WATER CAPTURE MASTER PLAN TO
24 LOOK AT EXPANDING THE CAPABILITIES IN THE FUTURE TO CAPTURE
25 MORE STORM WATER. SO THIS IS AN ACTIVE, ONGOING PROCESS.

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2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO 85 PERCENT GOES TO THE OCEAN?

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4 **SPEAKER:** IN THAT WATER SHED? ON AVERAGE, YES. WE HAVE
5 INSTALLED TEMPORARY RAIL AND TIMBER STRUCTURES IN BURN AREAS
6 THAT DEAL WITH SEDIMENT DEBRIS, ALSO.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE ANY TEMPORARY DIVERSION OF THAT 85
9 PERCENT THAT COULD BE CAPTURED?

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11 **SPEAKER:** WELL, I THINK FOR THE STORM WATER CAPTURE EFFORTS
12 THAT WE'VE UNDERTAKEN, THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO CAPTURE
13 AND INFILTRATE STORM WATER IN THE GROUND, CONSTRUCTING THOSE
14 PROJECTS REQUIRES QUITE A BIT OF LEAD TIME AND PLANNING, AND
15 THAT IS WHAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN WITH OUR
16 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ALSO OUR PARTNERS, SUCH AS THE CITY OF L.A.
17 WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT WE'VE COMPLETED IN THE
18 RECENT YEARS WITHIN THE L.A. RIVER WATERSHED. WE HAVE AN
19 ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN THE WORKS IN COOPERATION WITH
20 THE CITY TO EXPAND OUR STORM WATER CAPABILITY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE L.A. RIVER DOESN'T GO EXCLUSIVELY IN
23 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IT GOES THROUGH A NUMBER OF OUR
24 CITIES. SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING TO CAPTURE THE WATER THAT'S
25 BEEN GOING THROUGH OUR CITIES? OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS? WE

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1 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH CITIES IN THE VARIOUS WATERSHEDS ALONG
2 THE L.A. RIVER TO DEVELOP STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR
3 THOSE WATER SHEDS WHICH IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES WHERE STORM
4 WATER CAN BE CAPTURED AND INFILTRATED OR REUSED. THESE
5 PROJECTS WILL DEAL NOT ONLY WITH STORM WATER CAPTURE FOR
6 GROUND WATER RECHARGE BUT ALSO DEAL WITH STORM WATER QUALITY
7 ISSUES. SO WE HAVE -- ARE WORKING WITH CITIES THROUGHOUT THE
8 WATERSHED.

9

10 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN LOSING 85
11 PERCENT OF THAT WATER TO THE OCEAN?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WELL, WE'VE BEEN WORKING OVER MANY YEARS TO EXPAND
14 OUR CAPACITY. ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON TO
15 INCREASE CAPACITY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IS IN ADDITION TO JUST
16 EXPANDING REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR
17 PARTNERS ON LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH WOULD
18 AT THE PARCEL LEVEL, ALLOW ADDITIONAL STORM WATER CAPTURE
19 OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INCORPORATED ON RESIDENTIAL PARCELS AND
20 ALSO ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR IN THE WATERSHED TO
21 BEGIN INCREASING THAT.

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT IF WE'VE BEEN
24 LOSING 85 PERCENT, WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING AGGRESSIVELY TO
25 CAPTURE A PORTION OF THAT IMMEDIATELY? BECAUSE WE KNEW ABOUT

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1 EL NI O NOT JUST THIS YEAR BUT THE PREVIOUS YEARS. WE HAVE A
2 LARGE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT COULD BE RECYCLED GOING TO THE
3 OCEAN. 85 PERCENT'S A HIGH FIGURE.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY
6 AGGRESSIVELY WITH OUR REGIONAL STORM WATER MANAGEMENT WATER
7 AGENCY PARTNERS, IN THE L.A. RIVER WATERSHED IN PARTICULAR,
8 WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO
9 DEVELOP PROJECTS TO EXPAND STORM WATER CAPTURE CAPABILITIES.
10 WE CONTINUE TO HAVE MORE PROJECTS IN PLACE. THIS IS A LONG
11 TERM EFFORT. AND IT IS A MULTI-AGENCY EFFORT. AND WE ARE
12 WORKING COLLECTIVELY WITH THE VARIOUS IN THE REGION.

13

14 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AGAIN, 85 PERCENT WE'RE LOSING. IT'S
15 BEEN A LONG-TIME EFFORT TO CAPTURE THIS. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO
16 ENGAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTLY TO WORK WITH THE
17 OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A PROGRAM IN PLACE
18 THAT IS GOING TO CAPTURE MORE OF THAT RUNOFF WATER INSTEAD OF
19 LOSING IT? YOU KNOW, YOU'VE HAD 85 PERCENT FOR A LONG TIME,
20 AND SO YOU NEED TO BE PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE. IT SEEMS LIKE
21 IT'S JUST BEEN STATUS QUO. AND, AGAIN, UTILIZE THE
22 SUPERVISORS. WE EACH REPRESENT ALL OF THESE CITIES. WE ALSO
23 ARE INVOLVED WITH THEIR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. WE'RE
24 INVOLVED WITH THEIR CITY MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILS. THIS IS A
25 VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM, WATER. WE ARE NOW IN A DROUGHT, AND WE

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1 CONTINUE TO ALLOW WATER TO GO TO THE OCEAN? AND IT'S A SIZABLE
2 AMOUNT. WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A PROGRAM IN PLACE TO BEGIN
3 CAPTURING. AND AGAIN, YOU NEED TO BE AGGRESSIVE. THIS IS NOT A
4 STATUS QUO OPERATION. LET ME ALSO ASK, YOU INDICATED WE NEEDED
5 \$4.5 MILLION FROM THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR THIS
6 EMERGENCY OPERATION. WHEN DID YOU FIND OUT THAT WE NEEDED THAT
7 \$4.5 MILLION?

8

9 **GAIL FARBER:** SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CORPS,
10 GOSH, OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS REGARDING THEIR MAINTENANCE
11 LEVEL EFFORTS ALONG THE CORE REACHES OF THE RIVERS. AND IT'S
12 BEEN AN ONGOING FEDERAL FUNDING STRUGGLE FOR THEM TO SECURE
13 NEEDED MAINTENANCE. SO WITH REGARD TO EL NI O, IN WORKING WITH
14 THEM ON GETTING THEIR PLANS IN PLACE, THEY HAVE PLANS
15 PREPARED. THEY HAVE DONE THEIR ANALYSIS. THEY'VE DONE --
16 THEY'VE PUT IN THEIR FEDERAL FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THIS PLANNED
17 WORK. SO WE WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION, AND THEY WERE, TOO,
18 THAT THE FUNDS WERE COMING. AND THEY WERE JUST NOTIFIED, I
19 THINK, I BELIEVE, THURSDAY, OR YESTERDAY IS WHEN WE MET TO
20 CONFIRM THAT THE FUNDING WAS NOT COMING.

21

22 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HOW DID YOU KNOW THE FUNDS WERE IN
23 PLACE BEFORE BEING TOLD THEY WEREN'T IN PLACE?

24

25 **GAIL FARBER:** WE WERE TOLD THAT THE FUNDS WERE REQUESTED.

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2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NO. WE REQUEST A LOT OF THINGS, BUT
3 THEY DON'T ALWAYS GET ADOPTED. HOW DID WE KNOW THAT WE HAD A
4 \$4.5 MILLION SHORTFALL, WHICH YOU'RE TELLING US NOW AFTER THE
5 EL NIÑO NOT BEFORE? SO THAT WE COULD HAVE WORKED ON IT
6 EARLIER.

7

8 **GAIL FARBER:** CORRECT.

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10 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, IN OUR EARLIER MEETINGS WITH THE CORPS
11 REGARDING STORM SEASON PRESENTATIONS, THE CORPS HAD TOLD US
12 THAT THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING FUNDS TO DO THEIR
13 PRESTORM SEASON EFFORTS. WE HAD A COORDINATION MEETING WITH
14 THE CORPS YESTERDAY WITH COLONEL GIBBS, WHERE IT WAS AT THAT
15 MEETING THAT THEY INFORMED US THAT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO
16 SECURE THE MONEIES TO DO THE MAINTENANCE NEEDED FOR THE MOST
17 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

18

19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DID THEY TELL YOU THAT THEY DID
20 HAVE THE MONEY?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HE HAD TOLD US THAT THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF
23 REQUESTING THE FUNDS.

24

25 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DID HE TELL YOU?

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2 **SPEAKER:** THIS WAS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. WE WEREN'T
3 OFFICIALLY TOLD UNTIL YESTERDAY THAT THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO
4 SECURE THESE FUNDS.

5

6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO WE WERE NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED
7 THAT THE MONEY WAS COMING. AT THAT TIME WHEN THEY SAID THERE
8 WOULD BE MONEY, THEN WE FIND OUT THERE WASN'T, THAT'S WHEN YOU
9 SHOULD HAVE CONTACTED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU SHOULD
10 HAVE CONTACTED THE C.E.O. WE COULD HAVE WORKED TOGETHER WITH
11 OUR PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON TO ENSURE IT WOULD BE IN PLACE
12 INSTEAD OF RIGHT NOW WE'RE PLAYING CATCH UP DURING THE MIDDLE
13 OF A STORM. I MEAN, IT'S THAT TYPE OF LACK OF PLANNING I GET
14 VERY FRUSTRATED OVER. SECONDLY, WE GET AN EMAIL FROM YOU,
15 DIRECTOR, THAT A.C.E. FAILED TO RESPOND, SO YOU'RE TAKING
16 EMERGENCY ACTION. THEN IN CONTACT WITH A.C.E., WE FIND OUT
17 THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED UNTIL CHRISTMAS EVE OR NEW YEAR'S EVE
18 THAT THEY HAD TO RESPOND. AND I ASKED YOU, COULD YOU GIVE ME A
19 CHRONOLOGY WHEN YOU WERE CONTACTING A.C.E. THAT THEY HAD TO DO
20 THIS, BECAUSE I KNOW I SERVE ON THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE. WE HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD. WE DIDN'T -- WE
22 WEREN'T TOLD THERE WAS A PROBLEM. WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?

23

24 **GAIL FARBER:** CORRECT. WE DO -- WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
25 PREPARING THAT TIMELINE FOR YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT COMES TO THE

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1 MATTER OF WORKING WITH THEIR PROJECT MANAGER, AND OUR STAFF IS
2 WORKING WITH THEM. THIS COMES ON THE HEELS OF THE STORMS BACK
3 IN JUNE WHEN THEY LOST THE HOUSE. SO THERE WAS A HEIGHTENED
4 CONCERN AND THEY WERE ON NOTICE THAT THEY NEEDED TO SECURE
5 THIS SITE TO PREVENT FUTURE -- THAT DURING THE SEASON, THEY
6 HAD YET TO SECURE THE SITE. AND SO THEY HAVE SEVERAL NOTICES
7 THAT WERE PROVIDED TO THEIR --

8

9 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THE DIRECTOR SAYS AT 4 P.M. NEW
10 YEAR'S EVE THEY GET THE ORDER. I'M SAYING WHY DIDN'T YOU LET
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ME, SUPERVISOR KNABE KNOW THAT THERE HAD
12 BEEN A PROBLEM SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE CORRECTED IT IF THERE WAS
13 TO BE CORRECTED? THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. WHY AREN'T WE
14 BEING INFORMED AND ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S ALL HADES?

15

16 **GAIL FARBER:** UNDERSTOOD. IT'S DUE TO THE FORECAST OF RAIN. I
17 MEAN, WE TRIED TO RESOLVE IT.

18

19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WE KNEW IT WAS GOING TO RAIN. WE'VE
20 BEEN TRAINING OUR CITIES AND COUNTIES AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
21 MANAGEMENT FOR THE PAST YEAR ABOUT EL NI O. IT DIDN'T JUST
22 HAPPEN YESTERDAY. IT'S LACK OF LEADERSHIP.

23

24 **GAIL FARBER:** AND IT'S A JUDGMENT CALL, SUPERVISOR. I
25 UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION IN PULLING THE TRIGGER TO DO THE

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1 EMERGENCY WORK WITH THE FORECAST OF RAIN. WE'RE TRYING TO
2 RESOLVE THE ISSUE WITH THE CONTRACTOR. WE GAVE THEM A DEADLINE
3 TO TRY TO RESOLVE IT WITH MR. COSTOPLES, AND WITH THE LATEST
4 FORECAST, I MADE THE JUDGMENT CALL IT COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER
5 AND DID THE WORK.

6

7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** BUT 4 P.M. ON NEW YEAR'S EVE THAT TO
8 THE DIRECTOR THAT THERE'S A PROBLEM IS IRRESPONSIBLE. YOU
9 SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMING THEM PRIOR AND THE MEMBERS ON THE
10 A.C.E. BOARD PRIOR TO THAT.

11

12 **GAIL FARBER:** I AGREE.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, JUST TO GO BACK ON THAT ISSUE, WE
15 DIDN'T HAVE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT WE WERE GOING TO BE IN RECEIPT
16 OF FUNDS FROM THE ARMY CORPS. THEY WERE WORKING ON IT. SO I
17 GUESS THERE'S A TIME PATTERN THERE THAT I'M MISSING WHEN
18 SOMEONE ON OUR STAFF SHOULD HAVE PERHAPS CALLED AND SAID, HEY,
19 WE'RE GOING INTO THIS SEASON NOW. WE'RE VERY WORRIED ABOUT
20 WHAT MAY HAPPEN. AND WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS? BECAUSE I ALSO SAW
21 AND RECIPIENT OF THE EMAILS DECLARING THAT A.C.E. GOT
22 NOTIFICATION ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. SO I WOULD HAVE BEEN PRETTY
23 UPSET. AND HAVING TO GET A NOTICE AND THE COST THAT SOMEHOW WE
24 ARE INCURRING AND WHO'S GOING TO REIMBURSE US FOR THAT COST?
25 AND THE COST IS -- WHAT IS THE AMOUNT?

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2 **GAIL FARBER:** ABOUT \$15,000.

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND IT COULD GO HIGHER, I WOULD IMAGINE.

5 SO I AM CONCERNED, TOO, BECAUSE AT THAT POINT WHEN I RECEIVED

6 THE EMAIL, I HAD MY STAFF REACH OUT TO A.C.E. OF COURSE IT'S

7 HARD TO GET AHOLD OF ANYONE. BUT I WAS HAPPY THAT -- ON THAT

8 DAY, RIGHT? I MEAN SO I WAS HAPPY THAT AT LEAST SUPERVISOR

9 ANTONOVICH, THROUGH HIS CONTACTS, WAS ABLE TO GET SOME

10 CORRESPONDENCE BACK. BUT WHAT WE RECEIVED TELLS US OR GIVES US

11 A SENSE THAT WE HAVE NOT DONE OUR DUE DILIGENCE HERE IN TERMS

12 OF REALLY NOTIFYING A.C.E. APPROPRIATELY WITH SOME SUFFICIENT

13 TIME. AND THAT CAUSES US STRESS, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WE'RE ALSO

14 MEMBERS OF THAT BOARD. AND THEY HAVE PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN

15 MANY OF OUR JOINT PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE'VE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT

16 THE COUNTY. AND THIS PARTICULAR WASH AREA WHERE A HOME HAD TO

17 ACTUALLY BE, I THINK, SAVED, SO TO SPEAK, I DON'T EVEN KNOW

18 WHAT THE STATUS IS RIGHT NOW, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT AREA'S

19 STILL VERY HIGH IMPACTED AND CAN HAPPEN AGAIN. AND SO WE ARE

20 VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE OF THE LIABILITY. SO I THINK WHATEVER

21 ACTION PLAN YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS, CERTAINLY WE'RE GOING TO

22 WANT TO BE ABLE TO SEE THAT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I THINK THAT IT'S

25 EASY IN HINDSIGHT TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT WE WISH THAT YOU HAD

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1 DONE. AND I THINK TWO THINGS COME TO MIND IN TERMS OF THE
2 FUTURE. I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE BOARD WAS LIKE BEFORE I
3 WAS HERE. BUT MY IMPRESSION OF THE BOARD IS THAT THEY WOULD
4 RATHER KNOW THAN NOT KNOW. AND OFTEN I FIND THAT DEPARTMENT
5 HEADS SAY TO ME, WELL, WE DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU WITH THIS.
6 OR, WE SENT IT TO YOUR DEPUTY. NOW, I THINK WE'VE ALL
7 INSTRUCTED OUR DEPUTIES TO TELL US RIGHT AWAY WHATEVER YOU
8 HEAR. AND I THINK THEY DO. BUT I THINK IT THEN BECOMES CLEAR,
9 MADAME DIRECTOR, THAT THE FIVE OF US WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO
10 KNOW WHAT'S IN THE WORKS, AS WELL, IN A WAY? I CAN UNDERSTAND
11 IF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SAYS WE'VE PUT IN FOR THE
12 FUNDING, WE MEAN TO DO IT. AND YOU SAY THEY'VE PUT IN FOR THE
13 FUNDING, THEY MEAN TO DO IT. AND YOU DON'T KNOW THAT WE WOULD
14 LIKE TO MAYBE LIGHT A FEW FIRES AROUND THAT. SO I WOULD ERR ON
15 THE SIDE OF TOO MUCH INFORMATION, AND FRANKLY TOO MUCH
16 COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW OTHER PEOPLE ARE NOT DOING SOMETHING
17 THAT YOU EXPECT THEM TO DO, BECAUSE THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG
18 STORM. THE OTHER THING IS, I WAS THINKING, AS SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH WAS SPEAKING ABOUT THE CAPTURE OF STORM WATER, THAT
20 THERE IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY FOR A MAJOR INITIATIVE TO BE
21 PUT OUT FOR A VOTE NEXT YEAR TO FUND STORM WATER RECAPTURE
22 INFRASTRUCTURE. THE COUNTY JUST DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN
23 ITS COFFERS TO DO ALL THE WORK THAT'S NECESSARY. WE WILL NEED,
24 I THINK, TO GO TO THE PUBLIC FOR IT. SO I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF
25 THAT HAPPENING. I'M HOPING THAT -- WE HAVEN'T COMMITTED TO ANY

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1 OF THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE WORDING. BUT I'M HOPING
2 THAT WELL ALL BE QUITE COMMITTED. I EVEN NOTICE THAT I THINK
3 IT WAS PORTLAND PUT TURBINES IN ITS STORM WATER PIPES TO
4 GENERATE ENERGY BECAUSE IT'S ALL THAT WATER RUSHING THROUGH,
5 WHICH I THOUGHT WAS SORT OF BRILLIANT AND KIND OF PREPARED.
6 BUT I THINK THE MAIN POINT IS: WE NEED TO KNOW AND BE ABLE TO
7 HELP AT EVERY SITE FOR EVERY PARTNER THAT'S NOT DOING WHAT YOU
8 HOPE THEY WILL DO.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL HEAR FROM THE OTHER
11 PRESENTERS.

12

13 **JEFF REEVE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR. WITH YOUR APPROVAL, I'D LIKE TO
14 TO LET PUBLIC WORKS BE EXCUSED. THEY'LL REMAIN HERE IN CASE A
15 FURTHER QUESTION WOULD COME UP, BUT WE'D LIKE TO HAVE OUR
16 PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS COME UP.

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18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE PUBLIC WORKS LEAVES, SUPERVISOR
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD TRY, JEFF. [LAUGHTER.] JUST A COUPLE
22 OF GENERIC QUESTIONS THAT I THINK ARE USEFUL TO GET ON THE
23 RECORD. I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN WORK BY PUBLIC WORKS THAT HAS
24 ESSENTIALLY MAPPED OUT POTENTIALLY VULNERABLE LOCATIONS,
25 CORRECT?

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2 **GAIL FARBER:** CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE LOCATIONS. AND I
5 GUESS IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE BOARD IN TERMS OF A SPECIFIC
6 ARTICULATION OF WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO MITIGATE
7 POTENTIAL FLOODING AND OTHER ISSUES AT THOSE LOCATIONS. AND IT
8 MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO LAY ALL OF THAT OUT BECAUSE IT PROBABLY
9 REQUIRES MORE RESPONSE THAN IS DOABLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS
10 SETTING. BUT UNLESS YOU'RE PREPARED TO SAY THAT THAT HAS
11 ALREADY BEEN COMMUNICATED, IT WOULD BE USEFUL, I THINK, FOR
12 THE BOARD AND RESPECTIVE DEPUTIES TO HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT THAT
13 LOOKS LIKE, PARTICULARLY I THINK THERE OUGHT TO BE AN OVERVIEW
14 PROBABLY. BUT BEYOND THAT, IF THERE ARE DISTRICT-SPECIFIC
15 IMPACTS THAT WE KNOW THAT BECAUSE IT MAY NOT BE THE CASE THAT
16 OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES KNOW AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
17 IDENTIFY OR LONG-STANDING ISSUES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE MAY
18 BE PARTICULAR CONCERNS THAT EACH OFFICE MAY HAVE THAT WOULD BE
19 USEFUL FOR YOU TO GO ABOUT, PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE ARE
20 CHRONIC KINDS OF PROBLEMS THAT WE MAY BE AWARE OF. SO I WOULD
21 THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY USEFUL, FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT
22 THING TO HAVE HAPPEN. AND I WOULD LIKE, MADAME CHAIR, TO CAUSE
23 PUBLIC WORKS TO DO THAT IN SHORT ORDER, UNLESS, MS. FARBER,
24 YOU'RE PREPARED TO SAY IT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE, THAT IT'S
25 ALREADY UNDERWAY.

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2 **GAIL FARBER:** I BELIEVE SO. WE HAVE PREPARED THOSE MAPS. AND
3 WE'VE DONE THEM DISTRICT-SPECIFIC FOR EACH OF THE DISTRICT
4 AREAS OF THE HIGH, THE FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES, THE BURN AREAS,
5 THE LOW-LYING AREAS, THE PARTICULAR AREAS THAT WE KNOW HAVE
6 CHRONIC ISSUES. AND WE'VE PRODUCED THOSE MAPS. AND WE SHARED
7 THEM WITH YOUR STAFF IN OUR BRIEFINGS. WE'RE PREPARED TO HAVE
8 A CUSTOMIZED BRIEFING FOR YOU SO THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT WHEN
9 YOUR OFFICES FIELD THOSE CALLS, THAT YOU'RE AWARE OF THEM AND
10 HOW TO DIRECT THEM. AND ALSO TO ENSURE THAT WE'VE DONE EXTRA
11 OUTREACH..

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

14

15 **GAIL FARBER:** ..TO THOSE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES TO LET THEM
16 KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT. WHETHER THERE ARE BEACH DRAINS THAT
17 BECOME CLOGGED, THAT THEY KNOW TO EXPECT WHEN IT RAINS THAT WE
18 HAVE THESE RESOURCES DEPLOYED, THE PUMPS DEPLOYED. AND WHO TO
19 CALL AND CONNECT WITH. AND WHAT TO WATCH FOR SO THAT WE
20 DISCOVER THEM EARLY ENOUGH, AS WELL. AND SO TO THE EXTENT THAT
21 WE CAN SHARE THOSE TO A LARGER GROUP OR IN A DIFFERENT
22 ENVIRONMENT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. WE'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT, YOU KNOW, ON THAT ITEM, THOUGH, CAN'T
25 WE DO THAT THROUGH OUR WEBSITE OR OUR LINKAGES THAT WE HAVE

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1 OUT THERE NOW TO SHOW THE PUBLIC WHERE THESE HOT SPOTS ARE? I
2 MEAN, I REALLY APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT I GOT A MEMO EMAIL
3 TELLING ME WHERE OUR HOT SPOTS WERE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, BUT
4 I THINK IT HELPS FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS TO UNDERSTAND, ALSO BE
5 WARY AND AWARE AND BE ON ALERT. AND I JUST THINK IF WE AREN'T
6 DOING IT, WE SHOULD HAVE A MAP UP, AND YOU CAN GO TO THAT AND
7 PINPOINT YOUR AREA WHERE YOU MAY BE AFFECTED AND WHERE PEOPLE
8 CAN REPORT IN. SO IT'S JUST A MATTER OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE QUESTION WAS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE A
11 PUBLIC RESPONSE, NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE ONE. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT
12 YOU MAKE THE REPRESENTATION THAT IT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE, PART
13 OF THE NOTION IS TO CAUSE THE PUBLIC TO HAVE AN APPRECIATION
14 FOR. THAT'S IN CONCERT WITH THE NOTION OF THE POSTING AT THE
15 WEBSITE, ET CETERA. AND I THINK IT'S NOT HARMFUL TO DELINEATE
16 THOSE 10 MOST, WHATEVER NUMBER, URGENT, MOST SERIOUS, MORE
17 VULNERABLE, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE, JUST SO THAT PEOPLE HAVE AN
18 OVERALL PUBLIC PERSPECTIVE IN THAT REGARD. MADAME CHAIR, THE
19 ADDITIONAL QUESTION THAT I WOULD POSE IS RELATED TO
20 COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS THAT WOULD BE PLANNED TO INFORM THOSE
21 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IMPACTED. WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE, IN
22 TERMS OF POTENTIAL FLOODING AND RELATED INCIDENTS WHEN THEY
23 OCCUR? PERHAPS THAT'S THE QUESTION THAT INTERNAL TO PUBLIC
24 WORKS THAT THAT IS ALREADY BEING PURSUED. IT MAY BE A QUESTION
25 FOR MR. REEVE, MR. SUMMERS. BUT I THINK THE PUBLIC

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1 COMMUNICATION THAT IS AUGMENTED BY OBVIOUSLY THE INTERNAL
2 COMMUNICATION THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN WILL HELP MAKE THIS LESS
3 TRAUMATIC, LESS ONEROUS FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED FROM THE
4 PERSPECTIVE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS AND/OR ADVOCATES,
5 FACILITATORS, CALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS OUR DEPUTIES AND OUR
6 PERSONS WHO WORK IN OUR FIELD AND OUR COMMUNITY, OUR
7 DISTRICTS, AND THOSE PEOPLE IN FAITH-BASED CONTEXTS, THOSE IN
8 NONPROFIT BUSINESSES, WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE. HOW IS IT THAT
9 WE ARE FULLY PREPARED FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A COMMUNICATIONS
10 VANTAGE POINT? IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT IS WORTH OUR ATTENTION
11 AND OUR ARTICULATION. MISS BARBARA?

12

13 **JEFF REEVE:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ONE OF THE TOOLS THAT WE
14 HAVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PUBLIC BOTH IN A REAL TIME
15 EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENT AND ALSO A PREPARATORY ENVIRONMENT IS
16 OUR ALERT L.A. COUNTY. ONE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU JUST
17 PRESENTED IS WE CAN ENCOURAGE OUR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES TO
18 HAVE ENROLLMENT EVENTS, BECAUSE TO OPT IN, YOU NEED TO --
19 EVERY LANDLINE IN THE COUNTY IS AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN IT,
20 BUT TO PUT IN YOUR CELLPHONE AND EMAIL, YOU NEED TO OPT IN.
21 YOU NEED TO TAKE AN AN AFFIRMATIVE STAFF TO DO SO. AND SO, WE
22 CAN WORK WITH THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES TO KIND OF MARKET
23 THAT TOOL. WE DO ALREADY, BUT WE CAN INCREASE OUR EFFORTS IN
24 THAT AREA.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT IS PART OF
2 TECHNOLOGY ISSUES, SO I WOULD POSE THE QUESTION, WHAT, THEN,
3 IS THE COUNTY'S TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PREPARED TO
4 FACILITATE FROM PERHAPS A SOCIAL MEDIA STANDPOINT? SO THE
5 ENTITIES TO WHICH -- IS IT A HASHTAG YOU REFERRED TO? AN
6 ALERT? WHAT ALERT DID YOU --

7

8 **JEFF REEVE:** ACTUALLY, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT SEVERAL PRODUCTS.
9 I'LL TALK JUST ABOUT ALERT L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S THE COUNTY'S
10 MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, WHICH WE USE TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE
11 WHEN IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES OR CRISES TO INFORM --

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS THERE SUCH A HASHTAG, IS MY QUESTION?

14

15 **JEFF REEVE:** THE HASHTAG YOU MAY BE REFERRING TO IS HASHTAG
16 L.A. RAINS, IS THAT THE ONE?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT IS THERE A HASHTAG
19 SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO WHAT YOU JUST SAID?

20

21 **JEFF REEVE:** I DON'T BELIEVE SO. BUT I WILL VERIFY THAT IF WE
22 DO NOT HAVE. WE DO HAVE A WEBSITE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT HAS
23 A HASHTAG.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, AND SO, THE QUESTION WOULD BE, WOULD
2 THAT NOT BE USEFUL IN TERMS OF MAXIMIZING THE LEVEL OF
3 AWARENESS, INTEREST AND THE LIKE? THAT'S WHAT I'M DRIVING
4 TOWARD. IT BECOMES A PART OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL.

5

6 **JEFF REEVE:** YES, WE CAN EXPLORE THAT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S NOT A BAD THING TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE
9 HASHTAG, AS LONG AS THEY'RE NOT STEPPING ON EACH OTHER, THAT
10 IS THE POINT.

11

12 **JEFF REEVE:** THAT IS CORRECT. I WILL CHECK WITH OUR SHERIFF
13 PARTNERS, AND WE'LL LOOK AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HASHTAG FOR
14 ALERT L.A. COUNTY.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, BECAUSE SOME OF THIS HAS
17 IMPLICATIONLESS FOR BRANDING. SOME OF IT JUST MAKES IT EASY
18 FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND SO THAT THEY -- THE EXTENT TO WHICH
19 WE CAN ASSUAGE TRAUMA, FRUSTRATION AND PEOPLE NOT FEELING LIKE
20 THEY ARE SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED, THE MORE WE DO THAT, THE
21 BETTER FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED, I BELIEVE. AND SO THAT'S
22 PARTLY WHAT I'M DRIVING AT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A COMMUNICATIONS
23 PROTOCOL IN THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE AND INDEED CREATIVE WAY
24 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

25

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1 **JEFF REEVE:** YES, SIR.

2

3 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL CONTINUE THROUGH THE REST OF
4 THE PANEL.

5

6 **JEFF REEVE:** IF THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC
7 WORKS, WE'LL ASK THEM TO BE EXCUSED MOMENTARILY SO THAT OUR
8 SHERIFF AND FIRE DEPARTMENT --

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE EXCUSED.

11

12 **JEFF REEVE:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. REEVE, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU
15 WOULD STOP TRYING TO EXCUSE PUBLIC WORKS FROM THEIR PLACE OF
16 HONOR. THIS IS ENOUGH OF THAT.

17

18 **JEFF REEVE:** YES, SIR. SO WE'LL CONTINUE WITH OUR BRIEFING. AND
19 EACH OF THE AGENCY REPS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL GIVE A SHORT
20 BRIEF. I'LL TURN TO MY LEFT TO MARSHA MAYEDA, AND SHE'LL TALK
21 ABOUT ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROLS PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS FOR
22 THIS WINTER STORM.

23

24 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN
25 PLACED ON ALERT. ALL OF OUR ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGERS ARE AWARE

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1 OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY'LL BE ASKED TO DEPLOY FIELD
2 OFFICERS TO ASSIST WITH THE CAPTURE OR TEMPORARY HOUSING OF
3 ANY ANIMALS BELONGING TO EVACUATED OR HOMELESS PEOPLE. WE HAVE
4 OUR MOBILE ANIMAL SHELTERING TRAILERS THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH
5 HEAT AND LIGHT AND SO FORTH. WE CAN LOCATE THOSE AT ANY
6 EMERGENCY SHELTERING SITE. THEY CAN HOUSE BETWEEN 30 AND 50
7 ANIMALS PER TRAILER. AND WE'LL HAVE STAFF ON HAND TO PROVIDE
8 THE CARE, AND, OF COURSE, THE OWNERS WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE
9 ACCESS TO THEIR PETS TO COME TO VISIT THEM AND CHECK ON THEM.
10 WE'RE ALSO ABLE TO ACCEPT ANIMALS INTO OUR ANIMAL CARE
11 CENTERS. SO, IF THAT'S A NEED IN ANY PARTICULAR SITUATION, WE
12 CAN DO THAT. ALL THE ANIMALS THAT WE RECEIVE WILL BE GIVEN
13 VACCINATIONS, MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, TREATMENT FOR ANY FLEAS
14 PARASITES. AND WE WILL PROVIDE SERVICES SUCH AS SPAY AND
15 NEUTER AND MICROCHIP FOR ANY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THAT NEED
16 ASSISTANCE AT NO CHARGE.

17
18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST HAVE A QUESTION. THE LAST TIME I
19 VISITED OUR SHELTER, OUR ANIMAL SHELTER IN BALDWIN PARK, IT
20 WAS DURING THE WET SEASON. AND I KNOW THERE WERE SEVERAL
21 FACILITIES ADJUSTMENTS BEING MADE TO HELP PREVENT SOME OF THE
22 FLOODING. AND I JUST WONDER IF YOU COULD SHARE WITH ME WHAT
23 THE STATUS IS, WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE RIGHT NOW, ESPECIALLY ON A
24 DAY LIKE TODAY.

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1 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR. WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY
2 CLOSELY WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND I.S.D. TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING
3 SITUATION IN THE LOWER PARKING LOT. AND WE'VE RECEIVED SOME
4 VERY GOOD PLANS FROM PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERS, AND THEY'RE GOING
5 TO BE DEVELOPING AN INTERIM SOLUTION TO INCREASE THE PERC RATE
6 FOR THE SOIL THERE SO IT WILL DRAIN BETTER. AND ALSO WE HAVE A
7 LONG TERM SOLUTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF 80-FOOT WELLS THAT
8 WILL BE PLACED UNDERNEATH THERE. SO FOR THE FUTURE, THIS WILL
9 BE RESOLVED COMPLETELY. BUT IN THE SHORT TERM, THEY'RE GOING
10 TO BE DOING SOME TILLING AND SO FORTH OF THE EARTH THERE SO IT
11 WILL PERC. ALSO, I.S.D. IS ON STANDBY WITH EMERGENCY
12 CONTRACTORS WITH PUMPS IN CASE THEY HAVE TO COME OUT TODAY AND
13 ADDRESS SOMETHING. SO WE'RE PREPARED FOR THAT.

14
15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT, FOR
16 THE IMMEDIATE. I KNOW WE HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE, BUT THAT'S WHAT
17 I WANTED TO HEAR, BECAUSE THERE IS FLOODING AND PEOPLE WILL
18 COME WANTING TO BRING PETS BUT ALSO FOOD. I RECALL LAST YEAR
19 THAT'S WHAT I SAW. AND I THOUGHT, WOW, IF WE'RE INVITING
20 PEOPLE TO HELP US AND THEY'RE COMING INTO A VERY DEPLORABLE
21 CONDITIONS THERE AND YOU SEE POOLS THAT ARE ACCUMULATING, THAT
22 OBVIOUSLY RAISES OTHER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR US, AS WELL, IN
23 TERMS OF VECTORS AND MOSQUITOES AND ALL THAT.

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1 **MARSHA MAYEDA:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. AND THAT AFFECTS OUR PARKING
2 SITUATION THERE, AS WELL. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S
3 ADDRESSED.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **JEFF REEVE:** HEARING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, I'D LIKE TO
8 INTRODUCE ANGELO BELLOMO FROM PUBLIC HEALTH.

9

10 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** THANK YOU, JEFF. SUPERVISORS, I'M A DEPUTY
11 DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. AND D.P.H. HAS BEEN WORKING WITH
12 O.E.M. AND OUR OTHER COUNTY PARTNERS TO ANALYZE THE WORST-CASE
13 EL NI O SCENARIOS, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON THE COUNTY'S
14 UNSHELTERED HOMELESS POPULATION AND TO DEVELOP MITIGATION
15 PLANS TO LESSEN THOSE IMPACTS. IN THE AREA OF OUR
16 COMMUNICATIONS WORK, WE HAVE PREPARED COLD-WEATHER HEALTH
17 ALERTS AND OUR STANDARD RAIN ADVISORIES THAT WILL BE ISSUED
18 DURING STORM EVENTS AND WHEN OUR CRITERIA ARE MET. AND WE'VE
19 ALSO PLANNED TO RELEASE THOSE VIA PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA. AND
20 IN ADDITION, WE ARE PREPARING A SERIES OF F.A.Q.S. DEALING
21 WITH PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ACTIONS. AND I THINK
22 THE QUESTION THERE THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED IS
23 ONE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT, WHICH IS, WHO DO WE
24 TARGET FOR THIS MESSAGING, AND HOW DO WE GET THAT WORD OUT?
25 SO, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THAT, AS WELL. PUBLIC HEALTH CONTINUES

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1 TO WORK WITH O.E.M. AND OUR COUNTY PARTNERS ON THE SHELTER
2 PROGRAM AND THE AUGMENTED SHELTER PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS.
3 AND THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INCLUDES ADVISING ON THE
4 THRESHOLDS FOR OPENING THE ADDITIONAL OR AUGMENTED SHELTERS
5 FOR THE HOMELESS WHEN THE BASELINE SHELTER CAPACITY HAS BEEN
6 REACHED OR IS NEAR CAPACITY. IN ADDITION, WE SUPPORT O.E.M.'S
7 PREDEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS THAT MIGHT MAKE
8 AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL OR STATE FUNDING. THIRD, WE DO
9 MONITOR WEATHER CONDITIONS AND FORECASTS AND ISSUE COLD
10 WEATHER HEALTH ALERTS. AND, LASTLY, WE ARE CONDUCTING SHELTER
11 SURVEYS USING SIMPLIFIED AND RAPID CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING
12 GENERAL SANITATION, THE ADEQUACY OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS,
13 FOOD AND SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT. ASIDE FROM THE EL NIÑO
14 PREPARATIONS, D.P.H. PARTICIPATES IN THE HOMELESS PREVENTION
15 INITIATIVE AND SERVES ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS PROVIDING
16 STREET AND SHELTER-BASED INTENSIVE ENGAGEMENT. AND IN
17 ADDITION, WE PARTICIPATE ON THE COUNTY'S ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL
18 NEEDS COMMITTEE AND WE'VE WORKED WITH O.E.M. TO RESOLVE
19 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT ISSUES AND DISEASE OUTBREAKS AS A RESULT
20 OF A MULTIAGENCY RESPONSE. THANK YOU.

21
22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JUST A QUESTION. EARLIER WE HEARD FROM
23 SOMEONE ON ANOTHER TOPIC REGARDING WOMEN, HOMELESS WOMEN, AND
24 THE NEED FOR, BECAUSE OF THE RAINY SEASON, RAINCOATS, ANYTHING
25 LIKE THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS IS DIRECTED TO HERE AT THE

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1 PANEL, BUT WHO WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF DISTRIBUTION, BECAUSE IT
2 SEEMS THAT YOU WANT TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THE WET WEATHER AND
3 ALL OF THAT, THE BAD ENVIRONMENT. WHO TRADITIONALLY WILL DO
4 THAT? IS IT THE PROVIDER? OR DO WE GET ENGAGED IN ANY WAY TO
5 SEE THAT THIS IS COMING AND WE CAN HAVE SUPPLIES THERE? HOW IS
6 THAT ADDRESSED?

7

8 **JEFF REEVE:** MADAME CHAIR, THE PROVIDERS CURRENTLY I BELIEVE
9 ARE MOSTLY FOCUSED ON MAKING SURE THAT THE BASIC NECESSITIES
10 ARE BEING MET WITHIN THE SHELTER, MEANING SANITATION, FOOD,
11 BEVERAGE AND SO FORTH, A WARM AND SAFE, SECURE PLACE TO SLEEP.
12 I'M NOT AWARE IF THEY'RE PROVIDING ANY GARMENTS FOR THE USE
13 OUTSIDE THE SHELTER. I CAN GET THAT ANSWER.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WE WOULDN'T NORMALLY DO THAT, THE
16 COUNTY?

17

18 **JEFF REEVE:** WE DON'T PRESENTLY HAVE THAT CAPABILITY, NO.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I KNOW THERE ARE DIFFERENT VENUES,
21 PERHAPS, EVEN CORPORATE OR RELIGIOUS GROUPS THAT WHEN YOU GO
22 TO A CONCERT OR YOU GO TO AN EVENT OUTSIDE, THEY PROVIDE YOU
23 WITH IT'S VERY FLEXIBLE MATERIAL. IT'S NOTHING THAT'S GOING TO
24 COST ANYBODY AN OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY, BUT I WOULD THINK
25 THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN THAT WE'RE GOING

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1 INTO THIS VERY RAINY SEASON. AND IT JUST MAKES SENSE:
2 PREVENTION. SO IF YOU COULD GET BACK TO US ON THAT AND WHAT
3 VENUES WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP IN SECURING WHATEVER SUPPLIES
4 ARE NEEDED IN THAT.

5

6 **JEFF REEVE:** WE'LL BE HAPPY TO GET BACK WITH YOU ON THAT.

7 ANGELO, ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?

8

9 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** NO, THAT'S IT.

10

11 **JEFF REEVE:** ANY QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES?

12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

15

16 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE EVALUATING

17 THE RECENTLY REPORTED OILY SPRAY THAT IS COMING FROM THE GAS

18 LEAK SITE AND HOW THIS EL NI O WILL IMPACT THAT. WHAT ARE YOUR

19 CURRENT FINDINGS?

20

21 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** RIGHT. SUPERVISOR, I'LL GIVE YOU A QUICK ONE-

22 LINER HERE. AND WE ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU A COMPLETE REPORT AS

23 THAT ITEM COMES UP. BUT WE ARE MEETING WITH THEM PRESENTLY. SO

24 FAR THE INFORMATION WE HAVE IS THAT IT IS AN OILY MIST THAT'S

25 BEING GENERATED AS PART OF THE DRILLING OPERATION. WE THINK

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1 IT'S A RELATIVELY LARGE-CHAIN HYDROCARBON. AND WE'D BE MOST
2 CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE INHALING THE MIST, BECAUSE IT COULD
3 CAUSE IRRITATION OF, YOU KNOW, THE AIRWAYS. BUT WE'LL HAVE --
4 I'LL HAVE DR. RENGIN WITH ME WHEN WE GET TO THAT ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ITEM R-2. I'LL HOLD THE REST OF THE
7 QUESTIONS TO FOLLOW-UP ON THAT. BUT, THANK YOU.

8

9 **JEFF REEVE:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PLEASE PROCEED.

12

13 **JEFF REEVE:** OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, THEN, I WOULD LIKE
14 TO INTRODUCE -- INVITE DEPUTY DAVE RICHARDSON TO SPEAK FROM
15 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

16

17 **DAVE RICHARDSON:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, HONORABLE
18 SUPERVISORS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE FROM OUR
19 LAST REPORT REGARDS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OUR CONTINUED
20 EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH, WE CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO ALL
21 OF OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES IN THE 57 CITIES THAT WE
22 SERVE. THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE SOCIAL MEDIA,
23 MEDIA ADVISORIES THE ONE VOICE MESSAGING WITH OUR COUNTY
24 PARTNERS, AS WELL AS ONSITE MEETINGS WITH THE COMMUNITY
25 MEMBERS TO PROVIDE THEM PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION. THE

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1 PLANNING, TRAINING, AND PREPAREDNESS HAS LED UP TO A DAY LIKE
2 TODAY. ALL OF OUR ON-DUTY PERSONNEL ARE PREPARED TO ENGAGE.
3 WE'RE PATROLLING OUR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS. THOSE HIGH
4 THREAT AREAS, WE HAVE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT READY TO EFFECT A
5 RESCUE IF NEEDED, SUCH AS OUR URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE AS WELL
6 AS OUR LIFEGUARDS. WE HAVE PREDEPLOYED FIVE HIGHLY TRAINED AND
7 STRATEGICALLY PLACED SWIFT-WATER TEAMS. OUR HELICOPTERS,
8 'DOZER OPERATORS AND HAND CREWS ARE ON STANDBY, AGAIN, AS
9 NEEDED. WE ARE MAINTAINING OPERATIONAL READINESS IN THIS
10 SHORT-TERM SCENARIO BUT ARE ALSO KEEPING AN EYE ON THE FUTURE,
11 FUTURE FORECASTS. WE MAINTAIN WEEKLY EL NI O TASKFORCE
12 CONFERENCE CALLS, DAILY PREEVENT COMMAND BRIEFINGS FOR
13 SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND RESOURCE STAFFING. OUR SAND AND
14 SANDBAG DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES THIS PARTICULAR WEEKEND WITH
15 THE RAIN COMING AS WELL AS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MEDIA. WE'VE
16 HAD A NUMBER OF SANDBAGS AND SAND DISTRIBUTED AND WE'RE
17 REPLENISHING A NUMBER OF OUR SITES TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE ABLE
18 TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THAT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITIES WE
19 SERVE. IN ADDITION, WE ARE ALSO FINALIZING A PROCESS TO ASSIST
20 WITH OUR HIGH-RISK HOMEBOUND SENIORS AND PROVIDING THOSE
21 SANDBAGS, DELIVERY AND SETUP OF SANDBAGS WITH THOSE LOCATIONS.
22 NOT TO MENTION DAILY BRIEFINGS WITH NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
23 AND AGAIN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR COUNTY PARTNERS AND
24 STAKEHOLDERS. AS YOU ARE AWARE, DURING THE EVENT, WE PROVIDE A
25 ROBUST RESPONSE, A RAPID DEPLOYMENT, RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF

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1 ADDITIONAL RESOURCE NEEDS, WHICH CAN INCLUDE ADDITIONAL LOCAL,
2 FROM ADDITIONAL LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR STATE RESOURCES IF
3 NEEDED. AND WE CONTINUE TO COORDINATE EFFORT WITH ALL OF OUR
4 PARTNERS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **JEFF REEVE:** THANK YOU, CHIEF RICHARDSON. ANY QUESTIONS OF THE
7 CHIEF? OKAY. NEXT, CAPTAIN MCCRAY, WOULD YOU GO AHEAD, PLEASE?

8

9 **CAPT. MCCRAY:** YES, MADAME CHAIR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I
10 THINK IT WAS ALREADY MENTIONED, OUR COUNTY EMERGENCY
11 OPERATIONS CENTER HAS BEEN ACTIVATED, IS CURRENTLY BEING
12 STAFFED WITH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL FROM THE EMERGENCY
13 OPERATIONS BUREAU AS WELL AS O.E.M. STAFF AND THEY ARE
14 CURRENTLY MONITORING ALL OF L.A. COUNTY, ALL OF THE STORM-
15 RELATED EVENTS AND ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE IN THAT OPERATIONAL
16 AREA. IN ADDITION TO THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
17 BUREAU, WHICH WE SPOKE ABOUT AT OUR LAST PRESENTATION AND
18 CAPTAIN JEFF PERRY WILL GIVE AN UPDATE ON, WE'VE ALSO
19 COMMUNICATED WITH ALL OF OUR PATROL STATIONS AND ASKED THAT
20 THEY PROVIDE DETAILS ON THEIR OUTREACH EFFORTS BEYOND THE
21 DISTRIBUTION OF PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION AND ALSO SANDBAGS. WE
22 SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSIST
23 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SUCH AS THE HOMELESS. ALL OF OUR
24 STATIONS ARE ENGAGED IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON SHELTERS AND
25 PICKUP LOCATIONS TO PERSONNEL THAT THEY ENCOUNTER WHILE ON

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1 PATROL. AND SOME OF OUR STATIONS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN
2 OUTREACH EFFORTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONTRACT CITIES THAT
3 THEY SERVE. AND WE ARE STILL COMPILING THAT INFORMATION. WE AT
4 O.E.B. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE
5 FOR NOTIFYING THE CONCERNED STATIONS WHEN THERE IS, WHEN THE
6 AUGMENTED WINTER HOUSING SITES ARE OPEN SO THAT AS THEY
7 ENCOUNTER INDIVIDUALS ON PATROL, THEY CAN PROVIDE THAT
8 INFORMATION. AND I WILL NOW HAVE CAPTAIN PERRY DISCUSS
9 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS.

10

11 **CAPT. JEFF PERRY:** GOOD MORNING. AGAIN, I OVERSEE OUR HOMELESS
12 SERVICES TEAM. AS YOU KNOW, OUR PRIMARY FOCUS HAS BEEN TO
13 CONTACT THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE RIVER BEDS, OBVIOUSLY
14 DUE TO THE EL NI O STORMS, IN ORDER TO ADVISE, EDUCATE AND
15 CONNECT THE HOMELESS WITH THE NECESSARY SERVICES. ALONG WITH
16 L.A.H.S.A. AND OTHER COUNTY PARTNERS, WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT
17 PROGRESS IN OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS TO REDUCE THIS HOMELESS
18 POPULATION AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF ENCAMPMENTS THAT ARE IN
19 THE RIVER BEDS. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE TEAM HAS
20 CONDUCTED AT LEAST 40 OPERATIONS AND CONTACTED 150 TO ABOUT
21 200 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN THE RIVER BEDS. DURING OUR MOST
22 RECENT OUTREACH OPERATION, WHICH WE DID YESTERDAY, ALONG WITH
23 REPRESENTATIVES FROM L.A.H.S.A., WE HIT THE NORTHERN SECTION
24 OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER BED, WHICH IS BASICALLY FROM THE 60
25 AND THE 605 UP TO THE 210 FREEWAY. DURING THIS SUMMER WHEN WE

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1 WENT OUT THERE, WE LOCATED NUMEROUS ENCAMPMENTS, ANYWHERE FROM
2 75 TO 100 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. YESTERDAY WE LOCATED LESS THAN
3 10. SO IT WAS NOT JUST OUR EFFORTS, BUT I THINK JUST THE --
4 LETTING EVERYONE KNOW, THE SERVICE PROVIDERS SUCH AS
5 L.A.H.S.A., IT'S BEEN A SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE WE ADVERTISING THAT IN SOME WAY? I
8 DON'T MEAN ADVERTISING, BUT LETTING PEOPLE KNOW? THIS IS A
9 GREAT STORY.

10

11 **CAPT. JEFF PERRY:** I WILL TELL YOU WE'VE BEEN GETTING HUGE
12 AMOUNTS OF MEDIA ATTENTION. WE ACTUALLY YESTERDAY, WE HAD THE
13 COUNTY MEDIA TEAM OUT WITH US. AND IN ADDITION, SOMEHOW KTLA
14 HEARD ABOUT IT. THEY CONTACTED US OUT THERE AND THEY AIRED A
15 STORY ON OUR TEAM YESTERDAY FOR ABOUT A MINUTE AND A HALF. IT
16 WAS A GREAT STORY. THEY AIRED IT DURING THEIR AFTERNOON
17 BROADCAST AND IT'S ON THEIR WEBSITE.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF WE COULD GET A
20 REPRODUCTION OF THAT AND USE IT AND PUT IT UP ON OUR
21 COMPARABLE WEBSITE AND JUST TO BE A LITTLE STICKLER, EVEN IN
22 SPANISH. A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN THIS
23 PARTICULAR AREA THAT ARE BILINGUAL. I'M CERTAIN IF THEY HEARD
24 ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON, IT WOULD PROVIDE A LOT OF EASE TO
25 FOLKS.

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2 **CAPT. JEFF PERRY:** WHAT WE DID BECAUSE OF THE INTEREST
3 YESTERDAY JUST FROM KTLA AND WE'VE BEEN GETTING CALLS FROM
4 NATIONAL OUTLETS, M.S.N.B.C., C.N.N. AND SO FORTH, OUR TEAM IS
5 OUT THERE AGAIN TODAY IN THE RAIN. WE STARTED AT THE WHITTIER
6 NARROWS WORKING SOUTH TODAY THROUGH PICO RIVERA AND DOWN
7 TOWARD CERRITOS. PRIOR TO THEM GOING OUT, WE ISSUED A MEDIA
8 ADVISORY THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE THERE, OUR TEAM IS GOING TO BE
9 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS FROM 9 TO 10 O'CLOCK. AND I JUST
10 TALKED TO LIEUTENANT DIETRICH WHO WAS OUT THERE. AT LEAST 10
11 MEDIA OUTLETS SHOWED UP. ALL THE LOCAL AGENCIES, CHANNEL 2, 4,
12 7, ALONG WITH RADIO OUTLETS SHOWED UP. AND WE HAD SPANISH-
13 SPEAKING DEPUTIES AVAILABLE JUST IN CASE THE SPANISH-SPEAKING
14 OUTLETS SHOWED UP. SO WE'RE TRYING TO GET THE WORD OUT, AND I
15 THINK WE'RE DOING THE A GOOD JOB IN DOING THAT. WE'VE HAD
16 NATIONAL STORIES. ACTUALLY, C.N.N. DID SOMETHING ON THEIR
17 WEBSITE. AL JAZEERA AMERICA DID ABOUT A 2-1/2 MINUTE BROADCAST
18 ABOUT OUR TEAM ABOUT A MONTH AGO. AGAIN, SO THEY'RE OUT THERE
19 TODAY. AGAIN CONTACTING AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN DOWN THERE,
20 WORKING WITH L.A.H.S.A. WE ARE ISSUING THE SAFETY CARD THAT
21 O.E.M. DEVELOPED. IT HAS PHONE NUMBERS IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH
22 AND JUST AN ADVISEMENT OF OBVIOUSLY THE SEVERITY OF THE
23 STORMS. WE'RE ALSO, AGAIN, AS CAPTAIN MCCRAY SAID, WE'RE
24 ADVISING THE PICKUP POINTS AND SHELTER LOCATIONS AS NEEDED.
25 PENDING ANY QUESTIONS, THAT'S IT.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WANT TO COMMEND YOU. MY STAFF HAS BEEN
3 GIVING ME DETAILS ON YOUR TOUR I GUESS YESTERDAY AND OVER THE
4 COURSE OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS. AND IT REALLY SAYS SOMETHING
5 VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY FAMILY, BECAUSE NOT
6 OFTEN DO WE GET ALWAYS POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE PRESS. AND
7 THIS IS ONE WHERE WE SHOULD NOT KEEP IT AS A WELL-KEPT SECRET.
8 PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING, WHO'S ON THE GROUND, AND
9 WHAT A LARGE TERRAIN WE HAVE TO COVER. AND YOU GUYS ARE OUT
10 THERE AND OUR OTHER FOLKS ARE AND IT'S COMMENDABLE. AND I JUST
11 HOPE THAT WE SET A STANDARD FOR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
12 COUNTIES TO REFLECT UPON. SO CONGRATULATIONS. I KNOW THERE'S
13 MORE TO COME. BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. ON BEHALF OF MY
14 OFFICE AND THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT.

15

16 **CAPT. JEFF PERRY:** THANK YOU FOR THOSE WORDS. THE TRUE THANKS
17 GOES OUT TO THE DEPUTIES THAT ARE OUT THERE DOING THE WORK.

18

19 **JEFF REEVE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
20 DAVID SUMMERS FROM COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS AND HE HAS A
21 VIDEO ABOUT THE EFFORTS YESTERDAY.

22

23 **DAVID SUMMERS:** SUPERVISORS, MADAME CHAIR, DAVID SUMMERS. SO IN
24 THE LAST COUPLE OF APPEARANCES, I'VE TALKED ABOUT OUR PUBLIC
25 OUTREACH CAMPAIGN LARGELY FOCUSED ON L.A. COUNTY.GOV/ELNINO

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1 THIS WEBSITE AND OUR PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO
2 EVOLVE AS NEW IDEAS COME IN, AS SUGGESTIONS, AS OPPORTUNITIES
3 ARRIVE. WHAT ORIGINALLY WAS HIGHLY FOCUSED ON RESOURCES FOR
4 RESIDENTS, WE ARE NOW CURATING A LOT MORE ORIGINAL CONTENT TO
5 TELL THE STORY OF HOW THE COUNTY IS OUT. SOME EXAMPLES OF SOME
6 VIDEOS THAT WE PRODUCED THAT WE HAVE UP ARE THIS WEEK WE
7 EXPECT COASTAL FLOODING TO BE A HUGE ISSUE, SO WE HAVE VIDEOS
8 UP ABOUT HOW BEACHES AND HARBORS HAS BEEN BUILDING THE SAND
9 BERMS 12 TO 15 FEET HIGH ALONG THE COASTLINE. WE HAVE VIDEOS
10 UP OF SANDBAG LOCATIONS AND HOW THAT WORKS. BUT I KNOW THAT TO
11 THE BOARD AND TO THE COMMUNITY, OUT OUTREACH AND THE STORM
12 CHANNELS HAS BEEN A HUGE ISSUE. SO AS THE CAPTAIN MENTIONED
13 YESTERDAY, LENNY MCGUIRE AND MIGUEL FROM OUR TEAM WENT OUT
14 INTO THE CHANNELS AND PRODUCED THIS VIDEO SAME DAY THAT WE
15 WANTED TO SHOW YOU. IT'S ABOUT 90 SECONDS LONG. AND SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS, TO YOUR POINT, WE FINISHED THIS VIDEO LAST NIGHT. WE
17 IMMEDIATELY SENT IT OUT TO 300 MEDIA OUTLETS AND TO THE
18 PUBLIC. SO ALL OF THESE VIDEOS ALSO HAVE A WIDE PUSHOUT.
19 KNOWING THAT THE MEDIA WAS GOING TO GO OUT THIS MORNING, WE
20 WANTED TO GET AHEAD OF IT TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS A VIDEO OUT
21 THAT REALLY TOLD OUR STORY IN OUR WORDS. LET ME QUICKLY PLAY
22 THIS FOR YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER [ON VIDEO]:** OUR NUMBER 1 MISSION IS TO MAKE SURE THAT
25 THEY KNOW THAT THIS RAIN IS SERIOUS AND IT'S DIFFERENT THAN

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1 ANYTHING THEY'VE SEEN BEFORE AND THAT THEY COULD DIE IF THEY
2 STAY IN THE WATERWAYS.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE IT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THE RAINS ARE GOING TO BE COMING AND IT'S GOING GET
9 PRETTY BAD.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YEAH.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WHERE WOULD YOU HAVE TO GO IF NOT HERE?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T KNOW.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE ANYWHERE?

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19 **SPEAKER:** NO.

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21 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** NO. NOT NEARBY.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** SO WE'RE GOING TO GO NORTH, THEN WORK OUR WAY BACK.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THE HOMELESS SERVICES TEAM FROM THE COMMUNITY
3 PARTNERSHIPS BUREAU IS OUT IN THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER BED TRYING
4 TO CONTACT ANYBODY THAT'S LIVING IN A HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT DOWN
5 IN THE WATERWAY TO WARN THEM OF THE IMPENDING DANGERS OF THE
6 EL NI O RAIN THAT'S COMING. WE FIRST STARTED NOTIFICATIONS AND
7 OUTREACH DOWN IN EARLY JULY. AND SINCE THEN, WE PROBABLY
8 CONTACTED OVER 125 PEOPLE DOWN IN THE WATERWAYS. THE AMOUNT OF
9 ENCAMPMENTS THAT WE HAD EARLY ON VERSUS WHAT'S HERE TODAY,
10 THEY'RE SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASED.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WAKE UP.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I'M JEFF. BASICALLY THIS CARD IS TALKING ABOUT THE
15 DANGER OF THE EL NI O STORM. FROM TONIGHT THROUGHOUT THE NEXT
16 WEEK THERE'S GOING TO BE RAIN ON AND OFF. THESE STORMS AREN'T
17 LIKE THE NORMAL RAIN. THEY'RE SERIOUS STORMS. IT HAS THE
18 ABILITY TO FILL UP THESE CHANNELS AND TAKE PEOPLE DOWN RIVER.
19 WE DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYBODY GET KILLED. SO IF WE HAVE SOMEONE
20 FROM L.A.H.S.A. COME TALK TO YOU, YOU'LL TAKE THEIR HELP
21 TODAY?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** BECAUSE WE CAN'T LET YOU STAY HERE. JUST BY
2 CONTINUALLY COMING DOWN, WE THINK THAT MOST PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN
3 THE MESSAGE.

4

5 **DAVID SUMMERS:** SUPERVISORS, SO WE'RE CONTINUING TO GENERATE
6 THAT ORIGINAL CONTENT. TODAY, FOR EXAMPLE, IN FACT, RIGHT NOW
7 WE HAVE A CREW OUT AT ONE OF OUR SHELTER SITES WHERE WE'RE
8 DOING A STORY ABOUT HOW WE CARE FOR PEOPLE INSIDE THE
9 SHELTERS. THAT INCLUDES INTERVIEWING TEAMS FROM THE MENTAL
10 HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ABOUT THE TYPE OF SERVICES
11 THAT WE PROVIDE BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE TO TELL THAT
12 STORY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE THE SHELTER. HOW IS THE COUNTY
13 CARING FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHEN THEY COME INTO OUR
14 SHELTERS? THANK YOU.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** APPRECIATE THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
17 OUR C.E.O. FOR GETTING US THE HEADS UP THAT THIS WAS UNDERWAY.
18 I'M REALLY PROUD TO SEE THIS KIND OF MOVEMENT SO QUICKLY.
19 THESE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT I THINK REALLY HELP TO
20 EMPOWER THE BOARD, AS WELL, TO UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT IT IS
21 THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING OUT IN THE FIELD AND IT'S VERY
22 IMPORTANT. SO IT'S KIND OF A HIGH FIVE TO ALL OF YOU. SACHI?

23

24 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** I ALSO THINK AS DAVID INDICATED LATER TODAY, WE
25 WILL HAVE SOME FOOTAGE FROM THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS, WHICH I

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1 THINK IS IMPORTANT TO SEE, LIKE DAVID INDICATED, THE SERVICES
2 THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED AND WHAT PEOPLE CAN EXPECT ONCE THEY
3 GET TO THE SHELTERS. IT'S NOT JUST MERELY COTS THAT ARE LAYING
4 THERE. SO I THINK THAT OVERALL THE TEAM HAS DONE AN
5 OUTSTANDING JOB IN TRYING TO REACT TO THE EL NI O.

6

7 **JEFF REEVE:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT COMPLETES
8 OUR DEPARTMENT'S BRIEFING. I HAVE POINTS SPECIFIC TO THE
9 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WHICH I WOULD GO AHEAD AND
10 FORWARD. THANK YOU. SO IN THE MOTION, IT ADDRESSED HOW THE
11 WORKGROUP THE COUNTY FORMS TO DEAL WITH ADVERSE WEATHER
12 ISSUES. AND THERE'S ACTUALLY MORE THAN ONE WORKGROUP, BECAUSE
13 EACH ONE IS FOCUSED ON A SPECIFIC ASPECT. AND SO, WE HAVE THE
14 ADVERSE WEATHER GROUP, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY PUBLIC HEALTH IN
15 COOPERATION WITH O.E.M. AND THAT ONE WORKS PARTICULARLY TO
16 ADDRESS HOW ADVERSE WEATHER FOLKS, THIS IS ON VULNERABLE
17 POPULATIONS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ACCESS AND
18 FUNCTIONAL NEEDS, HOMELESS AND THE SENIORS. WE HAVE THE
19 AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTER TASKFORCE, WHICH IS SPECIFIC TO
20 ADDRESS THE COUNTY'S CAPABILITY TO BRING IN COUNTY FACILITIES
21 TO SUPPLEMENT THE NEED TO SHELTER HOMELESS POPULATIONS. AND
22 THEN OUR ONE VOICE P.I.O. COMMITTEE IS THE WAY IN WHICH THE
23 COUNTY, THE NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY THAT HAVE A
24 RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS ROLE SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE TO PRESENT
25 A COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE MESSAGE. AND THEN YOU'VE

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1 ALREADY RECEIVED A BRIEF FROM CAPTAIN PERRY ON THE HOMELESS
2 ENCAMPMENT TASKFORCE AND THEIR OUTREACH EFFORTS. HERE IN
3 CALIFORNIA, TO MOUNT A RESPONSE TO A SIGNIFICANT, CATASTROPHIC
4 OR DISASTER-TYPE EVENT REQUIRES AN INTEGRATED RESPONSE, AND
5 CALIFORNIA IS THE ENVY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD FOR
6 OUR MASTER MUTUAL AID SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS THE DISTRIBUTION OF
7 PUBLIC RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THE STATE, THE NATION
8 AND EVEN THE WORLD. OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESOURCES TRAVEL
9 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO PROVIDE USE OF OUR CAPABILITIES. AND
10 THIS SYSTEM, WHICH ENABLES 3,000 FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT STAFF TO A SINGLE INCIDENT,
12 LIKE A WILDFIRE OR AND EARTHQUAKE. TO ACHIEVE THIS, ALL LOCAL,
13 STATE, AND FEDERAL RESOURCES WORK TOGETHER OFF OF A SAME SHEET
14 OF MUSIC, SO TO SPEAK, AND WE SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE AND WE
15 MANAGE EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS USING A STANDARDIZED APPROACH
16 FOLLOWING THE CALIFORNIA STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
17 SYSTEM, WHICH TIES INTO THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
18 SYSTEM. AND SO WHEN RESOURCES COME IN OR AGENCIES RESPOND TO
19 ASSIST US, WE ARE OPERATING OFF OF THE SAME COORDINATED PLAN.
20 AND I'M SHARING THIS AS AN ONGOING FOCUS FOR O.E.M. WE
21 PARTICIPATED IN AN EL NI O STATEWIDE WORKSHOP IN DECEMBER, AND
22 WE REVIEW OUR S.E.M.S. PROCEDURES WITH OUR STATE PARTNERS
23 FREQUENTLY. WE WERE DISCUSSING MASS SHELTER OPERATIONS
24 YESTERDAY WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, CAL O.E.S. AND F.E.M.A.
25 AS THE OPERATIONAL AREA COORDINATOR, WE ARE CONDUCTING WINTER

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1 STORM COORDINATION CALLS WITH THE CITIES AND SPECIAL
2 DISTRICTS. WE HAVE ONE SCHEDULED LATER FOR TODAY BECAUSE OF
3 THE ARRIVAL OF THIS WINTER STORM. AND WE ARE SENDING A 40-
4 PERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
5 TEAM TO TEXAS A.&M. UNIVERSITY TO THE F.E.M.A.-SPONSORED
6 NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER THERE FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS. AND
7 SO, THAT'S HOW WE PREPARE OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND STAFF TO
8 COME TO THE E.O.C. OR THEIR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER OR A
9 COMMAND POST TO MANAGE AN INCIDENT. OUR PREPARATIONS EXTEND
10 BEYOND THE COUNTY AS WE ARE VERY AWARE THAT THE COMMUNITIES
11 WHICH REBOUND THE QUICKEST FROM A NATURAL DISASTER INCLUDE THE
12 CAPABILITIES OF NONPROFITS AND WHOLE COMMUNITY PLANNING. OUR
13 OWN AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE
14 WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF L.A.H.S.A. AND L.A.H.S.A.'S
15 PROVIDERS. IN ADDITION, WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE AMERICAN RED
16 CROSS, SALVATION ARMY, EMERGENCY NETWORK LOS ANGELES AND THE
17 200 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS REGISTERED IN OUR PLEDGE TO
18 PREPARE CAMPAIGN. FEW IF ANY OF THE COUNTIES IN THE UNITED
19 STATES HAVE THE RESOURCES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EVEN SO, WE
20 KNOW THAT A CATASTROPHIC NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER CAN
21 OVERWHELM OUR RESOURCES AND WE MAY NEED TO ASK FOR HELP.
22 FORTUNATELY, THIS IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED PROCESS WHICH THE
23 BOARD IS VERY FAMILIAR. OUR LOCAL PROCLAMATION CAN REQUEST THE
24 GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ASK THE GOVERNOR TO
25 REQUEST A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION SHOULD WE NEED TO USE

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1 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE PREPARED AN EL NI O PROCLAMATION
2 AND READY TO BRING IT TO THE BOARD FOR YOUR APPROVAL UPON
3 REQUEST. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE PROCLAMATION IS
4 NOT NECESSARY TO RECEIVE SUPPORT UNDER THE MASSIVE MUTUAL AID
5 SYSTEM I REFERENCED EARLIER. SHOULD A LOCAL DISASTER REQUIRE
6 ADDITIONAL WORKERS OR MODIFICATION OF TRADITIONAL WORK
7 ASSIGNMENTS AND SHIFTS, WE HAVE SEVERAL TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL
8 TO UTILIZE COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN NONTRADITIONAL ROLES AS WELL AS
9 AUGMENT THE COUNTY WORKFORCE WITH TEMPORARY OR CONTRACTED
10 WORKERS. SINCE ALL DISASTERS BEGIN AS A LOCAL EVENT, WE
11 ANTICIPATE THAT SOME OF OUR OWN FACILITIES AND WORKFORCE WILL
12 BE IMPACTED, AND, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY HAS AN ONGOING
13 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLANNING PROGRAM. FINALLY, ALL
14 DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY
15 OPERATIONLESS PLAN AND O.E.M. PROVIDES ONGOING TRAINING FOR
16 PEOPLE THAT HAVE THE E.O.C. DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER OR
17 COMMAND POST RESPONSIBILITIES AND WE CONDUCT IN COOPERATION
18 WITH OUR SHERIFF PARTNERS NUMEROUS DRILLS AND EXERCISES AT THE
19 COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, THE RECENT ONE BEING THE
20 ONE THAT WAS LED BY PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH WAS A MASSIVE
21 COUNTERTERRORISM EXERCISE IN NOVEMBER 2015. FINALLY, THIS
22 SLIDE WAS TO GIVE YOU AN UPDADE ON CONTINUED AND ONGOING EL NI
23 O AND PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS IN WHICH WE MAY HAVE TOUCHED ON
24 ALREADY. SO I JUST CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE ADDITION OF OUR
25 COMMUNITY OUTREACH MATERIALS, WHICH WE MENTIONED OUR

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1 EVACUATION HANDOUT WE HAVE ASSIGNED FOR OUR HOMESLESS
2 POPULATION, THE BROCHURE WHICH POINTS TO ALL THE PICKUP SITES
3 FOR THE HOMELES SHELTERS, AND WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THE
4 AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. WE HAD OUR FIRST NIGHT OF
5 OPERATION WAS IN BASSETT PARK THE NIGHT OF ABOUT NEW YEAR'S AS
6 A RESULT OF A FROST ADVISORY. WE HAD SUBFREEZING TEMPERATURES
7 IN THE VALLEY. AND THEN LAST NIGHT WE OPENED UP FOUR SITES.
8 WE'LL OPEN UP THE REMAINING THREE SITES TONIGHT, AND THAT
9 GIVES US CAPACITY TO SURGE AS HOMELESS POPULATIONS MAY NEED
10 ADDITIONAL SHELTER DURING THIS INCLEMENT WEATHER. AND SO THAT
11 COMPLETES MY PREPARED COMMENTS, AND WE'LL TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CURIOUS ABOUT THE BASSETT PARK. HOW DID
14 YOU FIGURE OUT THAT THAT'S WHERE IT WAS NEEDED?

15

16 **JEFF REEVE:** YES, MA'AM. SO WE USED A CRITERIA. THERE ARE
17 REALLY ABOUT FIVE FACTORS WE LOOKED AT. FIRST, THE COUNTY
18 COMPLETED AN ASSESSMENT OF ALL OF OUR FACILITIES TWO YEARS AGO
19 AS PART OF ENSURING THAT WE HAD AMPLE CAPACITY FOR PEOPLE WITH
20 DISABILITIES AND OTHERS WITH ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS. SO
21 WE TOOK THAT EXISTING LIST, WHICH WE KNEW THOSE SITES WERE
22 SUITABLE FOR SHELTERS BECAUSE THAT WAS A COOPERATIVE
23 ASSESSMENT BETWEEN THE RED CROSS AND THE COUNTY. THEN WE
24 LOOKED AT HOW THOSE SITES WERE RELATED TO KNOWN HOMELESS
25 POPULATIONS. ALSO, BECAUSE THE EXISTING WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

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1 PROVIDES THE TRANSPORTATION ASSET, WE HAD TO HAVE SITES THAT
2 WERE RELATIVELY CLOSE TO EXISTING SHELTERS. REMEMBER, WE'RE
3 ADDING CAPACITY. THAT WAY THE SHUTTLE COULD STOP AT THE
4 EXISTING SITE AND THE AUGMENTED SITE. AND THEN THE SITES NEED
5 TO HAVE SHOWER FACILITIES, ADEQUATE RESTROOMS, BE A.D.A.
6 ACCESSIBLE AND HAVE CAPACITY TO MAKE IT WORTH STANDING UP AN
7 OPERATION AT THAT FACILITY. SO ALL THOSE FACTORS WERE LED
8 TOGETHER. AND WE ALSO WANTED TO BE SURE THAT WE HAD
9 DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM.
12 WE'RE STARTING TO REALLY BEEF UP.

13

14 **JEFF REEVE:** ALSO IF I COULD HAVE A MOMENT TO SHARE, HAVING
15 THIS PROGRAM, AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTER, IS THE RESULT OF A
16 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT AMONG NUMEROUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO PUT
17 THIS TOGETHER.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M REALLY PROUD OF OUR DECISION EARLIER
20 LAST YEAR, WELL LATE IN THE YEAR, TO PASS THIS. AND IT MEANS
21 SO MUCH TO PEOPLE OUT THERE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE ROLE OF THE
22 COUNTY IS SO, SO VAST. AND WE ARE TAKING OUR ROLE VERY
23 RESPONSIBLY HERE. SO THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. AND I KNOW WE
24 HAVE SOME MEMBERS THAT WANT TO SPEAK. SHEILA KUEHL.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I DON'T THINK WE
2 HAD A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR
3 SERVICES. AND I HAD A PARTICULAR QUESTION. PERHAPS YOU CAN
4 ADDRESS IT OR PERHAPS SOMEONE, IF I TALK LONG ENOUGH, WILL
5 COME AND ADDRESS IT. OUR SENIOR POPULATION, WHICH IS GROWING
6 AND GROWING AND GROWING, IS A PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE
7 POPULATION, MANY OF THEM HOUSEBOUND AND MANY OF THEM RELIANT
8 ON I.H.S.S. WORKERS. AND I'M NOT CERTAIN THAT THERE IS SORT OF
9 A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO HELP THEM KNOW KIND OF WHAT TO DO.
10 THEIR I.H.S.S. WORKER CAN'T GET THROUGH, SOMETHING HAPPENS IN
11 THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY DON'T KNOW, I'M NOT CERTAIN, THEY MAY
12 NOT HAVE TO BE EVACUATED, OR IF THEY ARE EVACUATED, WHAT TO DO
13 ABOUT THEIR HELPER, WHO MAY NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE, ET
14 CETERA. SO I JUST WONDERED IF THERE'S SORT OF A PLAN OR ONE
15 THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR AT LEAST FOR OUR CLIENTS, THOSE THAT
16 WE KNOW?

17

18 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** YES, SUPERVISOR AND THE BOARD. WE HAVE
19 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS CYNTHIA
20 BANKS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TALK A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE MIC, IF YOU
23 WOULD.

24

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1 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** CYNTHIA BANKS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR
2 SERVICES. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE OFFICE OF
3 O.E.M., THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE DEPARMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
4 TO DEVELOP A PROTOCOL TO ADDRESS THE OLDER ADULTS WITHIN OUR
5 COMMUNITY. WE HAD OUR LAST CONFERENCE CALL ON LAST EVENING.
6 AND WE ARE GOING TO BE WORKING CLOSELY, AS WELL, WITH 2-1-1 SO
7 THAT THERE IS A TRIAGE QUESTION LIST SO THAT THOSE OLDER
8 ADULTS AND THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND CAN GET THE SANDBAGS AND
9 THE ASSISTANCE THAT THEY NEED.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHAT ABOUT THEIR I.H.S.S. WORKERS? I'M JUST
12 IMAGINING, SOMEONE MAY BE EVACUATED TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS.
13 I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT HOMELESS NECESSARILY. BUT WE'RE GOING TO
14 HAVE EMERGENCY SHELTERS. NOT JUST FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS.
15 AND I WONDER IF WE HAVE ANY WAY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THEIR
16 WORKERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THEM? OR IF THAT'S AN ISSUE FOR
17 OUR EMERGENCY SHELTERS? I JUST THINK IT'S A PARTICULARLY
18 VULNERABLE POPULATION.

19

20 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT AS WE
21 TALKED ABOUT THE OLDER ADULTS AND THOSE WHO WERE DISABLED WAS
22 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD INFORMATION IN THE MULTIPLE LANGUAGES
23 THAT THIS COUNTY USES. AND SO HARBOR AND PUBLIC WORKS HAS
24 OFFERED TO PRINT SOME BROCHURES TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH
25 I.H.H.S. RECIPIENTS AS WELL AS THE HOMEBOUND SENIORS THAT WE

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1 SERVE THROUGH COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. SO WE ARE WORKING
2 TO ADDRESS THAT, AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DO YOU SEE ANY PROBLEMS FOR I.H.S.S.
5 WORKERS TRYING TO ACCESS THEIR CLIENTS IN THE SHELTER? I DON'T
6 KNOW WHETHER THIS IS A BIG NUMBER. BUT I JUST KNOW WHATEVER
7 CAN GO WRONG WILL GO WRONG, AND ESPECIALLY DURING EL NI O.

8

9 **JEFF REEVE:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, GLAD THAT YOU RAISED THAT
10 QUESTION. TYPICALLY IN NORMAL SHELTER OPERATIONS, A CAREGIVER
11 IS ALLOWED ENTRY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO A CLIENT AT THE
12 SHELTER. THAT IS THE STANDARD PROCEDURE.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY. WELL THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. AS LONG AS
15 -- IT'S A LITTLE DISORIENTING..

16

17 **JEFF REEVE:** ABSOLUTELY.

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ..FOR MANY OF OUR CLIENTS. AND I THINK THE
20 MORE INFORMATION THEY HAVE, THE BETTER. AND WHEN YOU SAID THAT
21 WE HAVE LANDLINES IN THE ALERT SYSTEM? SO IS THAT AUTOMATIC
22 CALLS TO THE LANDLINES OF THOSE PLACES THAT MIGHT BE
23 THREATENED OR NEED EVACUATION? HOW DOES THE ALERT SYSTEM WORK
24 FOR THE LANDLINES THAT YOU HAVE, SINCE MANY SENIORS ARE SO
25 RELIANT ON THEIR LANDLINES, I THINK.

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2 **JEFF REEVE:** SURE. SO HOW ALERT L.A. WORKS IS THAT IT ALREADY
3 HAS ALL OF THE LANDLINES ARE HOME PHONE NUMBERS AS A DATABASE
4 THAT'S ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE SYSTEM. THE COUNTY ACTUALLY
5 PURCHASES THAT SERVICE FOR AN ANNUAL FEE.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DO YOU GO TO THEM WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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9 **JEFF REEVE:** YEAH. SAY WE WERE GOING TO HAVE AN EVACUATION, WE
10 WANTED TO EVACUATE AN AREA BELOW A DEBRIS FLOW. WE CAN DRAW A
11 MAP AROUND THE AREA IN QUESTION, WRITE UP A MESSAGE WE WANT TO
12 HAVE SENT. LITERALLY IT'S PRESS THE BUTTON AND IT AUTO DIALS
13 EACH OF THE LANDLINES IN THAT DESIGNATED AREA. WE CAN BUILD
14 THOSE. WE CALL THEM CAMPAIGNS. WE CAN BUILD THOSE CAMPAIGNS IN
15 ADVANCE. AND THEY'VE BEEN BUILT FOR THE COMMUNITIES BELOW THE
16 RECENT BURN SCARS IN GLENDORA, MONROVIA AND AZUSA. AND THAT'S
17 A CAPABILITY THAT WE PROVIDE TO THOSE INDEPENDENT CITIES IF
18 THEY REQUEST A CAMPAIGN TO BE BUILT. AND IT'S OPERATED AT THE
19 C.E.O.C. OR IT CAN BE OPERATED REMOTELY FROM A WEBSITE. AND
20 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS LEAD ON THAT CAPABILITY AND O.E.M.
21 SUPPORTS THEM.

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23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE
2 PANEL, WE DO HAVE SOME SPEAKERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PANEL.
3 AND I APPRECIATE THE PROGRESS. YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?
4 WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS AND LYNNE PLAMBECK. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

5

6 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** MY NAME IS LYNNE PLAMBECK, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
7 SPEAK IN A DUAL CAPACITY THIS MORNING. BECAUSE I AM A MEMBER
8 OF A WATER AGENCY, I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF WHAT WE'VE
9 DONE IN GROUNDWATER RECHARGE, AND I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST
10 TO PUBLIC WORKS, I ATTEND A MEETING CALLED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
11 WATER DIALOG, WHERE WATER AGENCIES AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
12 PEOPLE GET TOGETHER AND SHARE IDEAS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING. WE
13 HAD AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION ON WHAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
14 IS DOING IN RELATION TO GROUND WATER RECHARGE. AND THEY HAVE A
15 WHOLE ENTIRE PLAN. IT'S REALLY WONDERFUL, WHERE THEY'VE
16 STARTED TO IDENTIFY PROPERTIES THAT WILL INCREASE RECHARGE AND
17 ALSO HAVE DONE SOME FINANCIAL ANALYSIS TO SEE WHICH PROPERTIES
18 WOULD BE MOST FINANCIALLY BENEFICIAL AT THE LEAST COST TO
19 COLLECT THAT GROUND WATER AND GET IT BACK INTO THE SYSTEMS.
20 AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ENCOURAGE A MEMBER FROM PUBLIC WORKS
21 TO ATTEND OR GO ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER DIALOGUE
22 WEBSITE, WHICH IS UP ONLINE. AND THEY CAN PULL THAT
23 PRESENTATION THAT I THINK WAS JUST GIVEN AT THE NOVEMBER
24 MEETING. IT WAS REALLY GREAT. BUT IT'S A CITY OF LOS ANGELES
25 PLAN. AND IT'S ESSENTIALLY HOW TO RECHARGE WATER. SO IT'S

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1 SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL, I THINK, TO THIS DISCUSSION.
2 BUT ALSO, MR. ANTONOVICH, I HAVE TO SAY, I WAS STARTLED TO
3 HEAR YOU BE CONCERNED NOW ABOUT GROUND WATER RECHARGE. AND
4 THIS IS WITH MY ENVIRONMENTAL HAT. FOR 15 YEARS WE'VE BEEN
5 SAYING DON'T BUILD IN THE FLOODPLAIN. WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
6 PERMEABLE PAVEMENT. IN 2012, WE ASKED THAT OUR SANTA CLARA
7 RIVER AREA RECHARGE AREAS BE IDENTIFIED FOR THE GENERAL PLAN.
8 NOW, WE DID, THANKS TO YOUR MR. MEDUNO, LOOK AT WHAT THOSE
9 AREAS WERE, BUT THEY CAREFULLY NARROWED IT DOWN TO JUST THE
10 RIVER. SO WE DIDN'T GET ANY OF THE FLOODPLAIN RECHARGE AREAS.
11 WE CANNOT RECHARGE OUR GROUND WATER IF WE DON'T TAKE THIS INTO
12 CONSIDERATION WHEN WE DO LAND USE. AND IF EVERY TIME WE COME
13 DOWN AND ASK FOR PERMEABLE PAVEMENT OR GROUND WATER RECHARGE
14 BE CONSIDERED IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT, WE'RE DENIED THAT.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.

17

18 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** WE CAN'T FIX IT WITHOUT DOING PROPER LAND USE
19 PLANNING.

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21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SEE STAFF.

22

23 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** AND WE'RE GOING TO BE DISCUSSING IT IN NO. 57,
24 TOO.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

4 FASCINATING ITEM, ACTUALLY, WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF IT

5 INVOLVED. YOU STARTED OFF PART OF THIS PRESENTATION TALKING

6 ABOUT WANTING TO KNOW WHAT COMMUNITIES HAD BEEN NOTIFIED, HOW

7 THEY HAD BEEN NOTIFIED, INFORMATION GOING IN AND OUT. THEN WE

8 FIND OUT FROM THE SHERIFF THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING OUTREACH

9 SINCE JUNE OF 2015. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE FASCINATING THINGS

10 ABOUT THAT PRESENTATION ACTUALLY IS THEM GIVING OUT

11 INFORMATION ABOUT HOW DANGEROUS THE STORMS WOULD BE, BUT NOT

12 BEING ABLE TO HAVE THE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT KIND OF

13 FACILITIES AND WHERE THE FACILITIES WOULD BE OPEN TO THESE

14 PEOPLE THAT THEY'RE RUNNING INTO LIKE IN THE RIVER BEDS. AND

15 DO YOU DO AN OVERPASS OR UNDERPASS OUTREACH PROGRAM? AND DO

16 YOU DO A RAILROAD OUTREACH PROGRAM? WHERE PEOPLE MIGHT

17 CONGREGATE ON RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE RAILROAD AND UNDERPASS FOR

18 THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE CONGREGATE THERE. SO

19 IS IT JUST THE RIVER BED? AND THE STORM WATER CAPTURE ALL OF A

20 SUDDEN AND TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT THE YOUNG LADY JUST MENTIONED,

21 DIDN'T YOU HAVE A CLEAN WATER BILL 2013 THAT YOU WERE TALKING

22 ABOUT DOING? WASN'T THAT PART OF IT? BUT STORM WATER RUNOFF.

23 INSTEAD OF STORM WATER RUNOFF MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, HOW ABOUT

24 JUST A WATER RUNOFF MANAGEMENT SYSTEM? DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR

25 THE CITY, YOU WORK WITH THE CITY OF L.A. YOU HEAR ABOUT STORM

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1 WATER CAPTURE, STORM WATER CAPTURE, YOU NEVER HEAR ABOUT THEM
2 REPAIRING THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT LEAKS LIKE A SIEVE. SO YOU
3 CAN CAPTURE ALL THE WATER YOU WANT FROM THE STORM WATER, BUT
4 IF YOUR PIPES ARE LEAKING LIKE CRAZY, ALL THAT WATER IS JUST
5 GOING TO BE WASTED ANYWAY. WHY DON'T YOU GET A SYSTEM THAT
6 ADDRESSES THE INFRASTRUCTURE? I KNOW THE D.W.P. IS ON TOP OF
7 THAT. YOU COULD TELL, BECAUSE THEY HAVE GREAT MANAGEMENT. SO
8 DO THAT. AND SOMEBODY MENTIONED \$15,000. SOMEWHERE IN THIS
9 CONVERSATION. WHAT THE HELL'S THE PROBLEM WITH \$15,000? THAT
10 YOU CAN'T COME UP WITH THAT?

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** LET THE MEMBERS SPEAK FOR ANOTHER 20 SECONDS.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE HAVE THIS ITEM R-1 AS A
17 REPORT, BUT I DID READ IN A MOTION, AN AMENDMENT, A LETTER TO
18 THE ARMY CORPS, ACTUALLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTS THE
19 C.E.O. TO COORDINATE WITH PUBLIC WORKS A FIVE-SIGNATURE
20 LETTER. WE DISCUSSED THAT. MOVED BY ME. SECONDED BY SHELIA
21 KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NOW WE'RE GOING GO TO
22 ITEM R-2. AND WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR PUBLIC
23 HEALTH ANGELO BELLOMO.

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1 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I AM HERE WITH ANGELO
4 BELLOMO, OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH PROTECTION, AND DR.
5 CYRUS RANGEN OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND
6 OUR TOXICOLOGY AND EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM. WE ARE GOING TO, AS
7 REQUESTED, REPORT BACK TO YOU ON THE ACTIONS THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN TAKING IN RELATION TO THE ALISO CANYON
9 AND PORTER RANCH GAS LEAK, TALK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE SEEING IN
10 TERMS OF THE AIR MONITORING DATA AND WHAT THAT MEANS IN TERMS
11 OF HEALTH IMPACTS. ANGELO BELLOMO WILL BE MAKING THE INITIAL
12 REPORT.

13

14 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. I THINK AS WE REPORTED
15 DURING OUR LAST UPDATE, THE HEALTH EFFECTS REPORTED BY
16 RESIDENTS IN THE PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY ARE VERY CONSISTENT
17 WITH ACUTE SYMPTOMS CAUSED BY LOW LEVEL CONTINUOUS EXPOSURE TO
18 MERCAPTANS, WHICH IS THE ODOROUS CONSTITUENT THAT'S ADDED TO
19 NATURAL GAS TO GIVE IT ITS CHARACTERISTIC ODOR, AND THAT THESE
20 SYMPTOMS INCLUDE HEADACHES, NAUSEA, ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT,
21 DIZZINESS AND RESPIRATORY IRRITATION. AT THE TIME, WE HAD
22 INDICATED TO THE BOARD THAT MERCAPTANS WERE DETECTED LEVELS
23 THAT ARE GENERALLY NOT EXPECTED TO CAUSE LONG-TERM HEALTH
24 EFFECTS; THAT IS, THEY WILL PRODUCE THESE SHORT-TERM SYMPTOMS.
25 BUT WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO THE

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1 MERCAPTANS AT THE CONCENTRATIONS WE WERE LOOKING AT, WHICH WAS
2 ABOUT ONE PART PER BILLION OR LESS, THAT THEY WOULD CAUSE ANY
3 LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND
4 THAT THE EVIDENCE ON THESE EXPOSURES SUGGESTS THAT THE
5 MERCAPTAN ODOR PROBLEM WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE RECURRENT SHORT-
6 TERM HEALTH EFFECTS AND MAY BE EXACERBATED IN SOME HIGHLY
7 VULNERABLE MEMBERS BASED ON THEIR PRE-EXISTING HEALTH
8 CONDITIONS. THIS WAS THE BASIS ON THE DIRECTIVE THAT WE ISSUED
9 TO SO CAL GAS ABOUT A MONTH AGO DIRECTING THAT THEY PROVIDE
10 TEMPORARY RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED MEMBERS OF THE
11 RESIDENCIES. AND WE RECENTLY EXTENDED THAT HAD TO STUDENTS AND
12 STAFF AT THE TWO L.A.U.S.D. FACILITIES IN THAT AREA, DIRECTING
13 THE SO CAL GAS TO MAKE TEMPORARY LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS OR
14 TEMPORARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL-BASED
15 POPULATION CONSISTENT WITH THE WAY WE WERE HANDLING RESIDENTS.
16 NOW, AS WE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, AND I THINK THE SUBJECT OF
17 WHAT WE WANTED TO REPORT ON TODAY WAS THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL
18 OTHER CHEMICALS THAT ARE PRESENT IN NATURAL GAS EMISSIONS FROM
19 THE ALISO CANYON FIELD WHICH ARE POTENTIALLY IMPACTING AND
20 EXPOSING THE RESIDENTS IN PORTER RANCH. THESE INCLUDE
21 CHEMICALS LIKE HYDROGEN SULFIDE, LIKE SULFUR DIOXIDE, BENZENE,
22 XYLENE, TOLUENE AND ETHYL BENZENE. THESE ARE AMONG THE
23 CHEMICALS THAT ARE MOST PREVALENT IN THE GAS THAT'S BEING
24 RELEASED. AND AS THE GASES ARE RELEASED, NOT JUST FOR A SHORT
25 PERIOD OF TIME WHERE WE EXPECTED THEM, THE LEAK TO BE STOPPED,

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1 WHEN IT'S GOING ON FOR MONTHS, WE SUGGESTED TO YOU THE LAST
2 TIME THAT WE BRIEFED TO YOU THAT WE NEED TODAY DO MONITORING
3 FOR THOSE CHEMICALS, AS WELL, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE IN
4 VERY SMALL CONCENTRATIONS, AS THIS EXPOSURE CONTINUES FOR
5 MONTHS, THOSE LEVELS COULD CHANGE AND WE COULD SEE ELEVATIONS
6 WHICH WOULD HAVE SOME LONG-TERM HEALTH SIGNIFICANCE. TO DATE,
7 THE MONITORING THAT WE'VE DONE, SUPERVISOR, OF THOSE
8 CHEMICALS, WE HAVEN'T FOUND THAT AT CONCENTRATIONS THAT WOULD
9 EXPECT TO CAUSE ANY LONG-TERM EFFECTS. THEY HAVE ALL BEEN
10 GENERALLY VERY LOW LEVELS. THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF SAMPLES
11 THAT HAVE BEEN ELEVATED. AND THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US
12 TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR FOR THESE ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS. DR.
13 RANGEN WILL COMMENT FURTHER, BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT IN
14 ADDITION TO THE MONITORING FOR THESE TRACE CHEMICALS THAT HAVE
15 BEEN DONE FOR THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WE ARE WORKING TO EXPAND
16 THE MONITORING AND THE WAY IN WHICH THE SAMPLES ARE COLLECTED
17 SO THAT WE, THE STATE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD
18 ASSESSMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD, WILL BE
19 ABLE TO USE THE RESULTS TO CRUNCH SOME NUMBERS TO DETERMINE
20 THIS QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WILL BE SOME LONG-TERM HEALTH
21 IMPACTS TO THE COMMUNITY. BUT SO FAR THE DATA THAT WE'VE
22 EVALUATED, THE ANSWER TO THAT IS WE DON'T EXPECT THAT TO
23 OCCUR. BUT CONDITIONS COULD CHANGE, WHICH IS WHY WE'RE GOING
24 TO EXPAND THE MONITORING EVEN FURTHER, BECAUSE THIS IS GOING
25 ON FOR QUITE SOMETIME.

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2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHEN YOU SAY "A NORMAL PERSON", DO
3 YOU TAKE AGE INTO CONSIDERATION, BE IT A FETUS, AN INFANT, A
4 HEALTHY INDIVIDUAL, A SENIOR CITIZEN, A PERSON UNDERGOING
5 CHEMOTHERAPY OR OTHER TYPE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR
6 DISABILITY, EMPHYSEMA? YOU GO DOWN THE LIST.

7

8 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IT INCLUDES ALL OF THOSE
11 CLASSIFICATIONS, NOT AN IMPACT?

12

13 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** EXACTLY. AND, SUPERVISOR, LET ME JUST SAY THAT
14 THE STANDARDS AND THE GUIDELINES THAT WE SET UP ARE ALWAYS
15 BASED ON PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE. BUT THERE IS
16 DIFFERENT RESPONSES, AND THOSE THAT YOU MENTIONED THAT ARE
17 PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE WOULD RESPOND TO A HIGHER DEGREE, BUT
18 I'LL LET DOCTOR RANGEN COMMENT ON THAT.

19

20 **DR. CYRUS RANGEN:** JUST AS DR. BELLOMO STATED, THESE ARE
21 DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE CASES. BUT THERE ARE
22 ALWAYS GOING TO BE INDIVIDUAL CASES, AND IN PARTICULAR, THOSE
23 WHO ALREADY HAVE CHRONIC DISEASE. SO JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THAT
24 MAY BE IF SOMEBODY HAS ASTHMA AND THEY ARE EXPOSED TO THESE
25 IRRITANTS, THAT THEY MAY HAVE AN EXACERBATION OF THEIR

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1 CONDITION THAT A NORMAL PERSON WITHOUT ASTHMA WOULDN'T HAVE.

2 SO THOSE ARE INDIVIDUAL CASES WHICH WE ARE TAKING ONE BY ONE.

3

4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND YOUR DECEMBER 1ST REPORT TO THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, UNDER SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT, YOU STATE
6 "CHEMICAL EXPOSURES ARE TYPICALLY CLASSIFIED AS SHORT-TERM AND
7 LONG-TERM. THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SHORT-TERM EXPOSURES TO
8 TRACE LEVELS OF TOXIC EMISSIONS ARE TYPICALLY LOW. AS THE
9 DURATION OF THE EXPOSURE INCREASES, THESE TRACE LEVELS CAN
10 PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS. AS THIS INCIDENT
11 HAS MOVED FROM A SHORT-TERM EXPOSURE OF THREE DAYS OR SO, I'M
12 JUST ADDING THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT, TO NOW A LONG
13 EVENT, POTENTIALLY LASTING MONTHS, SUPPLEMENTAL MONITORING OF
14 POTENTIALLY HARMFUL TRACE CHEMICALS IS WARNED. YOU SAY THAT
15 THE CHEMICAL OF GREATEST CONCERN IS BENZENE. IT'S KNOWN AS A
16 HUMAN CARCINOGEN. FURTHER, RADON GAS NATURALLY OCCURS IN
17 GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS AND MAY POTENTIALLY BE RELEASED AS A
18 RESULT OF THE CURRENT REPAIR OPERATIONS. AND IT IS ALSO A
19 HUMAN CARCINOGEN AND A LEADING CAUSE OF LUNG CANCER IN
20 NONSMOKERS. MONITORING WILL NEED TO BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE
21 THESE CHEMICALS AT BOTH THE ALISO FACILITY IN THE PORTER RANCH
22 COMMUNITY. D.P.H. WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE
23 REGULATORY AGENCIES TO CHARACTERIZE THE LEVEL OF BENZENE,
24 RANDOM AND OTHER TRACE GASES IN THE PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY."
25 SO SHORT-TERM, A FEW DAYS. NOW YOU'RE LOOKING MAYBE IT WILL BE

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1 SIX, SEVEN, MAYBE EIGHT MONTHS, IF THEN? SO WE ARE NOW IN A
2 LONGER TERM. AND, AGAIN, FETUS TO SENIOR CITIZEN HAS TO HAVE
3 AN IMPACT, BECAUSE IT'S BEING BUILT UP IN THEM. I'M GLAD THE
4 COUNTY COUNSEL THE BOARD, WE AUTHORIZED, WE JOINED IN THE
5 LAWSUIT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHO IS NOW SUING THE GAS
6 COMPANY. BUT WHAT'S INTERESTING IS IT TOOK A COURT ORDER, A
7 COURT ORDER THIS PAST WEEK FOR THE JUDGE TO SAY: YOU HAVE TO
8 FIND REPLACEMENT HOUSING NOW. SO THEY HAD BEEN PROCRASTINATING
9 ALL THIS TIME. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYBODY FROM THE
10 GAS COMPANY HERE TODAY, I HOPE THERE WOULD BE BECAUSE THIS WAS
11 ON THE AGENDA. BUT WE WERE TOLD WHEN THEY FIRST CAME HERE
12 ABOUT REPLACEMENT HOUSING. SO, AGAIN, IT'S THAT -- WE HAVE
13 LIKE A MINI CHERNOBYL. I WAS SITTING NEXT TO A PERSON FROM THE
14 UKRAINE WHO WAS AT THAT CHERNOBYL INCIDENT. AND THE PARALLELS.
15 EVERYTHING WAS OKAY. EVERYTHING WAS OKAY. THEN MONTHS OR YEARS
16 LATER, WE HAD HEALTH EFFECTS. AND I THINK THE GAS COMPANY HAS
17 A HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT EVERYBODY IN THAT AREA
18 IS ENSURED FOR ANY FUTURE HEALTH AILMENTS, AS WELL. BUT,
19 AGAIN, THE QUESTION I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU: WHAT SPECIFIC
20 TOXIC EMISSIONS ARE YOU MONITORING? AND HOW OFTEN ARE THOSE
21 SAMPLES TAKEN?

22

23 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** RIGHT. AND, SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST BACK
24 UP TO ONE OF THE COMMENTS THAT YOU JUST MADE, AND I'LL TRY TO
25 COVER THIS AT THE END OR DR. RANGEN WILL, BUT THOSE EXPOSURES

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1 THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, THOSE OTHER CHEMICALS, WHEN THEY DO
2 GO FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE A MUCH
3 MORE FULL AND COMPLETE DATABASE, BECAUSE THEN WE CAN USE THE
4 DATA THAT'S COMPLETED FROM THE AMBIENT AIR IN THAT COMMUNITY,
5 WE COULD PERFORM WHAT WE TYPICALLY DO TO DETERMINE WHETHER
6 THERE ARE LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS, WHICH IS A RISK
7 ASSESSMENT. BUT THAT'S BASED ON KNOWING WHAT ARE THE EXPOSURES
8 IN THE COMMUNITY AND A BROAD RANGE OF GASES, BECAUSE THERE IS
9 A BROAD RANGE OF CHEMICALS THAT ARE IN THE GAS THAT'S BEING
10 RELEASED. WHEN WE LOOK AT DURATIONS AS LONG AS SIX MONTHS, WE
11 CAN THEN JUSTIFY THE CONDUCT OF A RISK ASSESSMENT. AND AS WE
12 GENERATE THIS DATA WITH OUR STATE PARTNERS, WE'RE GOING TO BE
13 DIRECTING SO CAL GAS TO HIRE A CONSULTANT UNDER OUR DIRECTION
14 TO PERFORM A RISK ASSESSMENT THAT WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION
15 THAT YOU WERE ASKING A MINUTE AGO.

16

17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHY AREN'T THEY DOING IT FROM DAY ONE
18 OR LET'S SAY DAY FOUR, BECAUSE IT WENT MORE THAN THREE DAYS,
19 AND WHAT OTHER AREAS IN THE STATE OR NATION OR INTERNATIONALLY
20 HAVE THEY'VE HAD THESE TYPES OF LEAKS AND THE HEALTH IMPACT
21 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY? THIS IS NOT THE FIRST LEAK THAT'S EVER
22 OCCURRED IN THE UNITED STATES OR THE WORLD. WHAT HAS BEEN THE
23 HEALTH IMPACT FOR THOSE RESIDENTS IN THOSE COMMUNITIES?

24

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1 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** WE DO HAVE ONE CASE THAT WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING
2 WHERE C.D.C. HAD DONE A STUDY AND FOLLOWED EXPOSURE TO
3 MERCAPTANS OVER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. THE LEVELS WERE
4 CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN WHAT WE'RE FINDING IN PORTER RANCH.
5 THEY WERE ABOVE 200 PARTS WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT JUST ABOUT
6 ONE PART OR LESS HERE IN PORTER RANCH. BUT WHAT I WANTED TO
7 MENTION ON THIS IS THAT THE RISK ASSESSMENT, YOU HAD ASKED
8 WHAT MORE CAN THEY BE DOING NOW? WHY AREN'T THEY DOING IT NOW?
9 THE FIRST STEP TO DOING A RISK ASSESSMENT THAT'S WORTH THE
10 PAPER IT'S PRINTED ON IS TO HAVE A VERY COMPLETE SET OF DATA,
11 AND WE DO NOT HAVE THAT TODAY. SO OUR EFFORT IS IN GETTING THE
12 RIGHT SAMPLING FOR THE RIGHT CHEMICALS. AND IF WE CAN GENERATE
13 THAT AND GET DATA OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS TO A COUPLE
14 OF MONTHS, WE CAN THEN CAUSE THE CONDUCT OF A RISK ASSESSMENT
15 THAT WILL ANSWER THESE VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

16

17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE GAS COMPANY HAVE A PROTOCOL
18 IN PLACE WHEN THEY HAVE THESE WELLS THAT INCLUDE THAT IN THEIR
19 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OR THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION
20 FOR SUCH A FACILITY TO BE BUILT?

21

22 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** IT'S NOT ADEQUATE AS A RESULT OF -- FOR
23 ONGOING OPERATIONS, WHAT THEY HAVE MAY BE ADEQUATE. BUT WHEN
24 THEY HAVE A RELEASE LIKE THIS WHERE A WELL IS RELEASING
25 MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF THE GAS, THEIR CURRENT SAMPLING PROGRAM IS

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1 NOT ADEQUATE. AND THAT'S WHY D.P.H. AND OUR SISTER AGENCIES
2 ARE EXPANDING THE MONITORING THAT'S BEING DONE.

3

4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THE DEPARTMENT OF OIL, GAS AND
5 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE AN
6 OVERSIGHT INSPECTION, PROTOCOL, ALL THE REGULAR NECESSITIES
7 ARE IN PLACE BEFORE WE HAVE THESE FACILITIES. AND THEY HAVE
8 FALLEN DOWN ON THE JOB COMPLETELY. AND THE P.U.C. THEY HAVE
9 BEEN. BECAUSE THEY'RE KIND OF INTERRELATED, AS WE KNOW. WHAT
10 ARE THE LEVELS THAT YOU'RE FINDING IN THE SAMPLES? AND WHAT
11 ARE THE HEALTH RISKS TO THE COMMUNITY?

12

13 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** SO WITH REGARD TO THE SULFUR-BASED COMPOUNDS,
14 THE MERCAPTANS, THE LEVELS ARE EXTRAORDINARILY LOW, IN FACT
15 LOWER THAN THE DETECTION LIMIT OF THE INSTRUMENTATION THAT WE
16 TRY TO DETECT THEM. BUT OUR NOSES ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF
17 DETECTING THOSE KINDS OF CHEMICALS AT LEVELS BELOW THE
18 INSTRUMENT LEVELS AND THAT'S WHY THESE SYMPTOMS ARE OCCURRING
19 IN VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE OTHER CHEMICALS
20 SUCH AS THE BENZENE AND THE OTHER CHEMICALS THAT POTENTIALLY
21 CAN CAUSE LONGER TERM PROBLEMS, WE ARE SEEING LEVELS THERE
22 THAT ARE RELATIVELY CONSISTENT WITH THE KINDS OF LEVELS THAT
23 WE SEE IN OUR NORMAL OUTDOOR AIR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THAT
24 BEING SAID, OUR NORMAL LEVELS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREN'T
25 THE BEST IN TERMS OF OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY ARE CONCERNED.

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1 BUT THEY AREN'T ABOVE THE LEVELS IN OUR OUTDOOR AIR. AS LONG
2 AS WE CONSISTENTLY SEE THOSE LEVELS, THEN WE CAN HAVE SOME
3 REASONABLE CONFIDENCE THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE THOSE LONG-
4 TERM HEALTH EFFECTS. BUT ONCE WE GET MORE DATA TOGETHER, THEN
5 THAT MAY TRIGGER THE THRESHOLD TO DO THE RISK ASSESSMENT WE
6 MENTIONED.

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8 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HOW ARE YOU ASSESSING HEALTH PROBLEMS
9 BEING EXPERIENCED BY THE AREA RESIDENTS?

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11 **DR. CYRUS RANGEN:** RIGHT NOW WE HAVE BASICALLY ESTABLISHED A
12 CALL-CENTER TREE WITHIN OUR ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
13 WHERE WE TAKE CALLS FROM THE PUBLIC DIRECTLY TO TALK TO THEM
14 ABOUT THEIR HEALTH EFFECTS. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO A NUMBER OF
15 CLINICIANS, AS WELL, DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER HEALTHCARE
16 PROVIDERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE GIVEN THEM ADVICE DIRECTLY
17 TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THEIR PATIENTS. AND WE ARE MAKING SURE
18 THAT WE ARE GIVING THEM THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION BY
19 GETTING AIR LEVELS EVERY SINGLE DAY AND MAKING SURE THAT WE
20 UNDERSTAND WHERE THOSE AIR LEVELS SIT TODAY AND PUT THEM INTO
21 CONTEXT OF PEOPLE'S HEALTH.

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW IS TESTING BEING DONE ONLY IN
24 THOSE AREAS WHERE THE ODOR IS PRESENT?

25

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1 **DR. CYRUS RANGEN:** NO. IT'S ACTUALLY BEING DONE IN A NUMBER OF
2 PLACES. IN FACT THE AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM THAT WE'RE
3 DEVELOPING WITH OUR SISTER AGENCIES AND THE GAS COMPANY IS
4 GOING TO PUT THE AIR QUALITY MONITORING INSTRUMENTATION IN A
5 NUMBER OF STRATEGIC LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

6

7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS THAT RECENT
8 REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE GAS COMPANY WAS AWARE OF THE
9 CORRODING PIPES AND RAPIDLY FAILING INFRASTRUCTURE AT ITS
10 ALISO CANYON STORAGE FACILITY. AND THE QUESTION WAS: THEY KNEW
11 ABOUT IT AND THEY KIND OF LOOKED THE OTHER WAY. WHAT I FIND
12 ALSO INTERESTING IS THAT, AGAIN, IT'S ABOUT 1200 TONS OF THE
13 GREENHOUSE GAS IS BEING PUMPED INTO THE AIR EACH DAY. IT'S
14 ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF THE AREA. THIS CONTINUES TO BE BUILT UP
15 AND NOT JUST IMPACTING THAT LITTLE SMALL COMMUNITY OF PORTER
16 RANCH, BUT THE ENTIRE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND CREWS NOW,
17 THEY'RE TRYING TO STOP THE LEAKING OF THE S.S.-25 WELL, BUT
18 THIS 25 PERCENT RISE IN METHANE EMISSIONS IS OCCURRING. SO
19 IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S GETTING BETTER. IT'S GETTING WORSE. AND THE
20 ENGINEERS HAVE SPECULATED THAT A 7-INCH PIPE HAD RUPTURED 500
21 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE, BUT THAT WELL WENT INTO OPERATION IN
22 1954 AND WAS CONVERTED TO A GAS STORAGE IN 1973. SO THOSE
23 PIPES ARE OVER 61 YEARS OLD. THE GAS COMPANY HAS FAILED TO
24 UPGRADE THOSE PIPES ALL THIS TIME AND THEY'VE GONE BEFORE THE
25 P.U.C. THEY'VE GOTTEN RATE INCREASES TO IMPROVE THEIR

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1 INFRASTRUCTURE. BUT WHERE DID THOSE DOLLARS GO? THIS ALISO
2 CANYON SITE ALREADY HAD A HISTORY, BECAUSE IN 1968 WHEN AN
3 OPERATOR ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE TWO GAS LIFT VALVES, A FIRE HAD
4 OCCURRED. SO THERE'S A MAJOR FIRE THERE IN '68. IN '79, THE
5 STATE REGULATORY AGENCIES REQUIRED THEM TO REPLACE THE SAFETY
6 VALVE ON THE WELL. BUT ACCORDING TO AN EXECUTIVE IN THEIR
7 COMPANY, MR. SCHMETKY, HE SAID IN A PUBLIC HEARING THAT THE
8 VALVE WAS OLD AND LEAKING AND THE COMPANY DECIDED NOT TO
9 REPLACE IT BECAUSE IT WAS NOT A CRITICAL WELL. AND THEN A LADY
10 FROM THE GAS COMPANY SAID IT WAS NOT A DEEP SUBSURFACE VALVE,
11 SO SHE SAID THAT WAS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW. WHY WASN'T IT
12 REQUIRED BY LAW? WHY DID THEY SAY THEY WOULD REPLACE IT AND
13 THEN NOT REPLACE IT? AGAIN, THE DEPARTMENT OF OIL, GAS AND
14 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES HAVE FAILED IN THIS AREA. SO THE SAFETY
15 VALVE MAY NOT HAVE PREVENTED THE LEAK, BUT IT COULD HAVE
16 STOPPED THE CONTINUED RELEASE OF FUMES POURING INTO THE
17 COMMUNITY. AS WE SIT HERE TODAY, NOW IT'S BEEN ALMOST 2-1/2
18 MONTHS, AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL,
19 PROBABLY MAY. AND AGAIN, IN NOVEMBER 2014 THEY SAID THEY
20 NEEDED MORE MONEY TO REPAIR. WHAT HAPPENED? AN EFFORT TO GAIN
21 APPROVAL FOR THE RATE HIKE, THE GAS COMPANY FILED REPORTS WITH
22 THE P.U.C. INSISTING THAT THE COMPANY NEEDED MORE MONEY FOR
23 INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIRS. AGAIN, WHAT HAD THEY
24 BEEN DOING IN THE PAST WITH THE PREVIOUS RATE INCREASES? TODAY
25 OVER 6,500 HAVE REQUESTED RELOCATION. 2,258 HAVE BEEN PLACED

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1 IN TEMPERATURE HOUSING. AN ADDITIONAL 3,168 ARE IN PLACEMENT
2 PROCESS. BUT IT TOOK A JUDGE THIS PAST WEEK TO ORDER THEM TO
3 EXPEDITE THIS WHEN THEY WERE HERE TWO MONTHS AGO, AND THAT WAS
4 IN PROCESS. THEY TESTIFIED THEY WERE PLACING PEOPLE IN
5 TEMPORARY HOUSING, ET CETERA. BUT THEY FAILED TO EXPEDITE
6 THAT. AND AGAIN, THERE HAS TO BE A LONG-TERM HEALTH. BUT
7 HANUKKAH, THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S, ALL OF THESE
8 FAMILY CELEBRATIONS HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED BY AN IRRESPONSIBLE
9 ACTION BY THE STATE AND BY THE GAS COMPANY, WHO FAILED TO
10 COMPLY WITH THEIR STANDARDS OF OPERATION, AND THE STATE WHO
11 OVERSEES THEM, WHO FAILED IN THE OVERSIGHT OF THAT TYPE OF
12 FACILITY. NOW, THE CITY OF L.A., THEY'RE WORKING WITH A
13 DEVELOPER, WHO HAPPENS TO BE AN OIL GAS MAN FROM TEXAS TO
14 DEVELOP ANOTHER HOUSING ADJACENT TO THE ALISO WELLS. THIS IS
15 BEFORE THE L.A.F.C.O. COMMITTEE, AND I'M GOING TO OPPOSE IT,
16 BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE DON'T NEED THESE TYPES OF NEW HOUSING TO GO
17 IN IN AN AREA WHERE WE ALREADY HAVE A HEALTH PROBLEM.

18 [APPLAUSE.]

19
20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** TO SHOW YOU THE INCONSISTENCY OF
23 PEOPLE TRYING TO INSTEAD OF LET'S SAY TRY TO MAKE A FAST BUCK
24 IN AN AREA THAT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR HOUSING.

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1 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** I THINK THAT'S WHY MOST, SUPERVISOR, THAT'S
2 WHY MOST OF THE CONCERNS WE HAVE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND I THINK
3 YOU AND THE COMMUNITY SHARE IS THAT A FACILITY THAT MAY BE
4 APPROPRIATE WHERE IT'S NOWHERE NEAR THE PUBLIC IS REALLY
5 PROBLEMATIC WHEN IT'S IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE PUBLIC. AND I
6 THINK THAT'S WHY THIS PROBLEM'S BROUGHT TO LIGHT. IT'S THE WAY
7 WE USE OUR LAND SOMETIMES, THESE CONFLICTING LAND USES. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. MIKE, I THINK, ASKED THE QUESTION EARLIER,
15 THE IMPACTS OF EL NIÑO ON THIS WHOLE AREA. I WAS JUST CURIOUS
16 ON ANOTHER SIDE, ANOTHER ISSUE WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH, THE
17 POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF EL NIÑO, SAY, ON THE EXIDE SITUATION.
18 WHERE ARE WE ON THAT?

19

20 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** WELL, THE MOST OBVIOUS ONE, SUPERVISOR, WOULD
21 BE THAT THE RAINFALL IS GOING TO POUR A LOT MORE AND THERE'S
22 GOING TO BE RUNOFF FROM THE FACILITY. AND THE PREPARATIONS
23 THAT ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE ARE BEING DIRECTED BY THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OR THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
25 WORKS THERE IN THE CITY WHERE THE FACILITY IS LOCATED. IN

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1 ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXICS HAS INSTRUCTED THEM TO NOT
2 HAVE WATER LEAVE THEIR FACILITY. SO BETWEEN THE REGIONAL WATER
3 BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC, WHICH IS THE KEY STATE AGENCY,
4 AND THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY, I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO
5 MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO DISCHARGE FROM THE FACILITY. IT'S
6 GOING TO BE A REAL STRETCH. WE'LL CHECK WITH THE WATER BOARD
7 TO SEE WHAT THEIR PREPARATIONS LOOK LIKE AT THIS POINT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ONE OTHER QUESTION. BUT IF SHE HAS A
12 QUESTION, I'LL WAIT.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION
15 ON THIS?

16

17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SUNSHINE CANYON. ON THEIR ODOR
18 PROBLEM. HOW ARE WE MONITORING THAT? AND WHAT TYPE OF GASES
19 ARE BEING EMANATED FROM THAT FACILITY?

20

21 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** WE ARE ACTUALLY STUDYING THAT CURRENTLY, BUT,
22 DR. RANGEN, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT YOU CAN MAKE ABOUT THAT?

23

24 **DR. CYRUS RANGEN:** THERE HAS BEEN AN ISSUE WITH ODORS THAT HAS
25 BEEN OCCURRING FROM SUNSHINE CANYON FOR SOME TIME, AND WE ARE

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1 PARTICIPATING ON A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WITH THE SUNSHINE
2 CANYON COMMUNITY TO TRY TO ASSESS THAT SITUATION. WE WILL BE
3 HAVING SOME MEETINGS WITH THE AGENCIES, INCLUDING A.Q.M.D. AND
4 -- TO FURTHER ASSESS THIS. THIS SITUATION IS VERY MUCH
5 DIFFERENT FROM THE PORTER RANCH SITUATION, WHERE THE ODORS ARE
6 MORE INTERMITTENT AND FLEETING AND HAPPEN ON CERTAIN DAYS. BUT
7 IT IS A PROBLEM JUST AS MR. BELLOMO STATED WHERE YOU HAVE A
8 FACILITY THAT IS VERY CLOSE TO A COMMUNITY. SO WE ARE WORKING
9 WITH THAT COMMUNITY TO TRY TO ASSESS EXACTLY WHY THE ODORS ARE
10 OCCURRING, WHAT TECHNOLOGIES ARE BEING USED AND WHAT MORE CAN
11 BE DONE.

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** CAN YOU GIVE A REPORT BACK TO THE
14 BOARD ON YOUR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS HOW TO PROCEED?

15

16 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. ARNOLD SACHS.
21 HERMAN HERMAN. WAYNE FROM ENCINO. RED CHIEF HUNT. PRENTICE
22 JENKINS.

23

24 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO, WHAT THEY'RE DOING UP THERE IN PORTER
25 RANCH, GASSING PEOPLE. FORTUNATELY WE HAVE ONE ELECTED

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1 OFFICIAL, ONLY ONE, ANTONOVICH, THAT STOOD UP AND TALKED ABOUT
2 THIS, BECAUSE EVERYBODY ELSE HAS JUST BEEN A LITTLE WEINER
3 ABOUT IT. THEY'VE BEEN, OH, GO AND SUE THE GAS COMPANY. ON, GO
4 AND APPLY FOR L.A. AID. I WENT UP THERE THE NIGHT THAT THEY
5 WERE DOING THE KFI JOHN AND KIM SHOW FROM THAT SITE UP THERE.
6 AND I WAS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL THAT THEY SHUT
7 DOWN. YOU COULD SMELL THE GAS IN THE AIR. IT'S THERE. AND
8 BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE WHITE, BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE IN AN
9 UPPER-MIDDLE-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD, NOBODY CARES. NOBODY CARES
10 ABOUT WHITE PEOPLE, EVEN THOUGH THEY BOUGHT THEIR HOUSES, THEY
11 PAID FOR THEIR HOUSES, NOW THEIR ENTIRE EQUITY IN THEIR HOUSE
12 IS IN GREAT DANGER NOW BECAUSE OF THIS. THEY HAVE AN
13 UNMARKETABLE HOME. SO THEY CAN'T SELL THEIR HOUSES NOW UNTIL
14 THIS IS RESOLVED. THESE PEOPLE CAN'T MOVE. THEY CAN'T GET
15 HOUSING. BUT BECAUSE YOU'RE WHITE AND BECAUSE YOU'RE IN AN
16 UPPER-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU DON'T GET SERVICES. THAT'S
17 MITCHELL ENGLANDER THAT MISREPRESENTS THAT DISTRICT. HE
18 DOESN'T REPRESENT IT. HE MISREPRESENTED. MITCHELL ENGLANDER IS
19 THE REASON WHY IT HAPPENED, BECAUSE IF HE WASN'T BUSY TRYING
20 TO BUY HIMSELF ON THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WOULD
21 ATTEND TO THE RESIDENTS IN HIS DISTRICT, LAST YEAR HE COULD
22 HAVE STOPPED THIS WHOLE THING. BUT, INSTEAD, HE'S TOO BUSY
23 WANTING TO GET MORE POWER. NOW HE RUSHES IN AND HE SAYS, OH,
24 I'M SORRY. OH, I'M GOING TO HELP YOU. BUT THE ONLY PERSON WHO
25 HELPED IS THE PERSON OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5 THAT'S NOW. SO

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1 WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS WE NEED TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO TERM
2 LIMITS. LET'S KEEP MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR ONE MORE TERM AND
3 HOPEFULLY BY THAT TIME THEY'LL PUT MITCHELL ENGLANDER WHERE HE
4 BELONGS, IN PRISON, INSTEAD OF ON THIS COUNTY BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS, BECAUSE HE BELONGS IN PRISON, BECAUSE HE'S AN
6 ABSOLUTE PIECE OF GARBAGE. HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL THE
7 RESIDENTS STARTED SCREAMING, UNTIL THEY STARTED PROTESTING,
8 UNTIL HE GOT ON TELEVISION AND RADIO. BUT IT DIDN'T HAVE TO
9 TAKE THE SUPERVISOR LONG. MIKE ANTONOVICH WENT OUT, SAW THE
10 PROBLEM, CONTACTED THE STATE, WANTED TO KNOW, HELD THE
11 HEARINGS. WHAT DID MITCHELL ENGLANDER DO? NOTHING. HE'S A
12 NOTHING. HE'S A WHEASEL THAT DOESN'T BELONG HERE. VOTE NO ON
13 MITCHELL ENGLANDER FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU WILL SAVE
14 YOURSELF A LOT OF TROUBLE.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS?

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
19 FASCINATING. THAT GAS MUST BE REALLY DAMAGING, SOMEBODY TO
20 COME UP HERE AND MENTION MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR ANOTHER TERM.
21 THIS IS THE BOOK THAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS PUT OUT WHEN
22 THEY DID THAT PRESENTATION. AND THEY LEFT OUT THIS PART. YOU
23 ARE QUOTING FROM THIS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ABOUT THE THEM NOT
24 REPLACING THE VALVE. BUT YOU HAD THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FROM
25 THE STATE HERE. WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK THEM ABOUT IT THEN? THERE

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1 WAS TWO OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES, ONE ABOVE-GROUND FACILITIES, AND
2 ONE BELOW-GROUND FACILITIES. AND YOU HAD THE GROUP HERE FROM
3 THE STATE. I DON'T KNOW WHICH GROUP THAT WAS. THEY CAME IN AND
4 YOU ASKED THEM QUESTIONS. BUT NOBODY KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS
5 VALVE. AND AGAIN, LIKE YOU SAY, YOU'RE RIGHT, THOUGH, THEY
6 HAVE AN INCIDENT AND THEN THEY DON'T REPLACE THE VALVE AND
7 THEN THEY HAVE ANOTHER INCIDENT. AND THEY STILL DON'T REPLACE
8 THE VALVE FROM '79. SO, SUPERVISOR KNABE MENTIONS EXIDE. WHY
9 NOT -- WHY WASN'T ANY -- WHY HASN'T ANY ACTION BEEN TAKEN
10 THERE? SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED. NO PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED.
11 WHY NOT? THEN THERE'S THIS ARTICLE. "INCOME INEQUITY,
12 INEQUALITY EVERYWHERE IN AFFLUENT L.A." MAYBE IT'S THAT TOPIC
13 RIGHT THERE. AFFLUENT L.A. VERSUS EFFLUENT L.A. IF YOU KNOW
14 THE DIFFERENCE, THEN YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. AFFLUENT VERSUS
15 EFFLUENT. SO THAT'S WHY THERE'S NO ACTION AT EXIDE. YOU SHOULD
16 BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF, THE FIVE OF YOU OR THE SEVEN OF YOU
17 THAT YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY -- 30 YEARS AND NOTHING'S BEEN DONE
18 AT EXIDE. AND YET HERE YOU'RE JUMPING THROUGH HOOPS. WHY IS
19 THAT? AFFLUENT VERSUS EFFLUENT. I MEAN, IT'S ABSOLUTELY
20 OUTRAGEOUS THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COME AND APPLAUD YOU FOR
21 YOUR ACTIVITIES WHERE FOR 30 YEARS YOU'VE BEEN SITTING ON EGGS
22 WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HATCH. RIDICULOUS.

23

24 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SOME AGREE, SOME DISAGREE, BUT I BELIEVE MR.
25 ANTONOVICH'S STATEMENT TODAY IS 1,000 PERCENT ACCURATE, THAT

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1 SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE, AND IT'S BEING DONE NOW. OUR
2 OPINIONS ARE OPINIONS, MR. SACHS. AND THE BOTTOM LINE IT ALL
3 COMES DOWN TO DOLLARS AND CENTS. BUT THIS COUNTY BOARD CAN DO
4 SOMETHING ABOUT IT, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO PUT AN END TO THIS
5 POISONOUS GAS THAT'S BEEN LEAKING FOR MONTHS, POSSIBLY FOR A
6 COUPLE OF YEARS. EXCUSE ME, MR. SACHS, I GOT THE FLOOR. AND
7 SO, AND, NOTE, WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT LONG-
8 TERM IMPACT TO THE HEALTH OF EVERYONE IN THAT COMMUNITY, ALONG
9 WITH ALL THE ANIMALS, THE WILDLIFE. WE NEED TO PUT A CAP ON
10 THIS GAS LEAK, MEANING THAT IT NEEDS TO BE DISSOLVED. IT NEEDS
11 TO COME TO A SHUTDOWN. BECAUSE ANYTHING AT THIS POINT ALONG
12 THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT CAN CAUSE THAT EASILY TO BLOW UP AND
13 TAKE OUT MANY LIVES, AS MR. ANTONOVICH POINTED OUT. AND SO IN
14 CONSIDERATION TO EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE, IT IS YOUR
15 RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE A STRONG POINT AND PUSH US FORWARD, NOT
16 LIKE SOME OF OUR SENATORS WHO SIT IT IN SACRAMENTO WRITING UP
17 BILLS THAT NEVER GO ANYWHERE OTHER THAN WHAT THEY'RE PAID TO
18 PAY FOR. PAY TO PLAY FOR. IT HAS TO END. THIS IS WHY THE
19 DEVELOPER GOT AHEAD OF THIS GAME. MITCH ENGLANDER IS THE
20 PROBLEM TO SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. HE WAS THE COUNCILMAN. HE
21 MISREPRESENTED HIS CONSTITUENTS. HE ONLY WANTS TO GET ON THE
22 BANDWAGON LIKE HE IS ON THE CLIPPERS HIGHLIGHT OF A SPONSOR,
23 ONLY BECAUSE HE WANTS YOU TO VOTE FOR MITCH ENGLANDER FOR
24 COUNTY SUPERVISOR. MY RECOMMENDATION: MITCH ENGLANDER, YOU
25 DWARF, NO.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, THANK YOU.

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4 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THANK YOU, THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I WANT TO
5 COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE LONG TIME. IF THERE'S A PROBLEM AND YOU
6 GUYS ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS, I SAY CUT THE GAS LEAK. CUT THE
7 PLANT OFF. I THINK THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS MORE IMPORTANT
8 TO THIS AREA THAN GAS KILLING PEOPLE. HERE'S A GOOD TIME,
9 2016, NO MAJOR DISASTERS, PROBLEM SOLVING, AND THE GAS PLANT
10 IS SHUT DOWN. AND THAT WAY THAT WILL AFFORD ALL THE FAMILIES
11 OUT THERE, THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE PROBLEMS. USE ANOTHER FORM
12 OF ELECTRICITY OR OTHER WAYS OF GETTING HEAT OR WHATEVER TO
13 THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE, BUT CUT THE GAS OFF. VOTE HUNT 2016.COM.
14 I'M RUNNING FOR UNITED STATES SENATE. SO I WANT TO LET YOU
15 GUYS KNOW THE RED CHIEF HUNT SAYS LET'S DO AWAY WITH THE GAS
16 PLANT. LET'S GO BACK TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE. AND LET'S NOT
17 CAUSE A MAJOR DISASTER IN THE VALLEY BECAUSE IF THERE'S A
18 MAJOR EARTHQUAKE, THEN WE SUCCEED MORE PROBLEMS WITH THE GAS
19 THAN WE DO JUST SHUTTING IT DOWN. RECOMMENDATIONS HERE FOR THE
20 WHOLE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO
21 GO IN AND SHUT THE GAS COMPANY DOWN AND BRING A DIFFERENT FORM
22 OF GAS OR ELECTRICITY IN. AND THAT'S THE BEST THAT WE CAN DO
23 RIGHT NOW. THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING
24 ELSE. SO YOU GUYS KEEP THAT IN MIND. QUALITY OF LIFE. IF THAT
25 WAS YOUR FAMILY, WHERE WOULD YOU BE? SO LET'S CUT THE GAS

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1 PLANT OFF AND DO ELECTRIC, WHATEVER, THINGS LIKE THAT. AND
2 LET'S NOT CAUSE A MAJOR DISASTER. THE RED CHIEF HUNT. VOTE
3 2016 HUNT 2016.COM FOR THE U.S. SENATE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANOTHER WITNESS. PRENTICE JENKINS.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. PRENTICE JENKINS, ACTIVIST SINCE
8 1991, PUBLISHER OF "CITY LIFE" NEWSLETTER. I SAW THAT GAS,
9 IT'S NOT LEAKING, IT'S SPEWING OUT. I WANT TO KNOW -- I
10 UNDERSTAND GAS, BECAUSE AS I KID I PASSED A LOT OF IT, MOSTLY
11 ON MY LITTLE BROTHER'S HEAD. BUT THERE'S GAS SPEWING OUT OF
12 PORTER RANCH, RICH, WELL-TO-DO, WHITE PORTER RANCH. I MEAN,
13 WHAT HAPPENS, PEOPLE, WHEN THERE'S A SPARK? ONE OF THOSE GUYS
14 FIRES UP A CIGARETTE AND THERE'S A SPARK. DOESN'T THAT GAS
15 EXPLODE AND TURN INTO FIRE? IF ALL THOSE PEOPLE, WE HAD THAT
16 IN CALIFORNIA ALREADY. AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY THREE YEARS AGO,
17 THE PIPE BLEW UP AND KILLED, WHAT, 14 PEOPLE? THAT GAS IS
18 SPEWING. I'VE SEEN THE INFRARED PICTURES OF IT. VIDEOS. Y'ALL
19 ARE GOING TO KILL A LOT OF WEALTHY WHITE PEOPLE. AND WE CAN'T
20 HAVE YOU KILLING WEALTHY WHITE PEOPLE. YOU CAN KILL ME, AS
21 MANY BLACK AND LATINOS AS YOU WANT. BUT WEALTHY WHITE PEOPLE?
22 THESE DOCTORS AND LAWYERS IN THAT COMMUNITY? AND GAS IS
23 SPEWING OUT OF IT. AND IT WON'T STOP SPEWING. AND NONE OF YOU,
24 THE GAS COMPANY CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. AND YOU KNOW WHAT
25 BIG WHITE CORPORATIONS DO? THEY FIGURE GOD KNOWS HOW LONG THAT

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1 THING'S BEEN SPEWING, RIGHT? BIG WHITE RACIST CORPORATIONS
2 FIGURE, IF WE IGNORE IT, IT WILL GO AWAY. WELL, GUESS WHAT? IT
3 DID NOT GO AWAY. IT'S SPEWING. THEIR CHILDREN HAVE NOSEBLEEDS.
4 I MEAN, AS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, I'M LIKE MALCOLM X. I DON'T
5 CARE, YOU KNOW, WHO GETS JUSTICE AS LONG AS THEY GET JUSTICE.
6 AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE PORTER RANCH IS GETTING JUSTICE.
7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'VE HEARD REPORT 2. MR.
10 ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS
13 THAT WERE MADE. LET ME SAY ONCE AGAIN, THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN VERY UNITED ON ALL OF THE PROPOSITIONS
15 BEFORE US DEALING WITH THIS GAS COMPANY AND JOINING WITH THE
16 LAWSUIT. THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS JOINED WITH THE CITY OF LOS
17 ANGELES, JOINED WITH THE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR ASKING FOR A
18 STATE OF EMERGENCY. TODAY'S MOTION THAT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
19 ASKING FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION AND REFORMS IN THE ANTIQUATED
20 REGULATORY PROCESS, MODERNIZING INSPECTION TECHNOLOGY AND
21 ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT PANEL OF EXPERTS TO OVERSEE THE
22 INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF THE REMAINING WELLS ACROSS OUR
23 REGION. SO THIS BOARD HAS BEEN UNITED FROM DAY ONE ON THIS AS
24 WE ARE GOING TO BE UNITED ON THE OTHER ISSUES, INCLUDING
25 EXIDE, AS WELL.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH. AND WITH THAT, THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER IF THERE ARE NO
5 OTHER QUESTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE ARE GOING TO TURN
6 TO ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BY THE PUBLIC.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MULTIPLE ITEMS, 1-H,
9 1, 6, 9, 20, 23, 27, 29, 31, 36, 38, 41, 45, 47, 48, 57, 58. I
10 BELIEVE EACH SPEAKER WILL BE GIVEN THREE MINUTES.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. I WILL CALL PRENTICE
13 JENKINS. LYNNE PLAMBECK. PRENTICE JENKINS HAS C.S.-1, C.S.-2,
14 C.S.-3. LYNNE PLAMBECK HAS ITEM 57.

15

16 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** PRENTICE JENKINS ACTIVIST SINCE 1991, "CITY
17 LIFE" NEWSLETTER. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING
18 ABOUT PERVERT FIREMEN AND PERVERT COPS. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
19 DID A STORY ON 1,000 COPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THERE ARE OVER 1
20 MILLION COPS. THEY FOUND 1,000 COPS WHO ARE MOLESTERS. THEY
21 WERE STALKING WOMEN. GAY COPS STALKING MEN. THEY FOUND 1,000
22 COPS. NOW, THAT'S NOT A LOT IN A MILLION. BUT THAT'S STILL A
23 LOT OF COPS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WHO WERE ARRESTED FOR
24 PERVERTED CRIMES. THERE ARE POLICE AND FIREMEN WHO ENGAGE IN
25 USING THEIR BADGES TO ENGAGE IN PURSUING THEIR OWN PERVERTED

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1 SEXUAL AGENDAS AGAINST INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY. THAT
2 HAPPENED TO EZELL FORD. EZELL FORD WAS TARGETED, FOLLOWED BY
3 TWO HOMOSEXUAL COPS FOR THREE DAYS. THEY FOLLOWED HIM. FINALLY
4 THEY COULD NOT CONTROL THEIR SEXUAL URGES. SO DO YOU KNOW WHAT
5 THEY DID? JUMPED OUT OF THE CAR ON THAT BLACK MAN. JUMPED ON
6 HIM AND GRABBED HIM TO SEE IF THE STEREOTYPE WAS TRUE. LAUGH
7 IF YOU WANT, BUT IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED. I HAVE A VIDEO OF A COP
8 IN POWDER SPRINGS, GEORGIA HOLDING ON TO A BLACK MAN'S PENIS.
9 FOUR SECONDS HE HELD ONTO IT. HE SAID HE STOPPED HIM TO DO ONE
10 THING, TO SMELL MARIJUANA. THAT AIN'T WHY HE STOPPED HIM. HE
11 STOPPED HIM BECAUSE HE WANTED TO GRAB THAT BIG, BLACK PENIS.
12 AND THEN ONCE THAT BLACK MAN KNOCKED HIS HAND AWAY, FOUR
13 SECONDS, 1, 2, 3, 4. HE DIDN'T STOP. THE BLACK MAN HAD TO
14 KNOCK HIS HAND AWAY. AND THAT'S WHEN THEY CHOKED HIM, PUT HIM
15 ON THE CAR, HIT HIM WITH THE TASER, PUT HIM ON THE GROUND,
16 STARTED WHIPPING HIS BEHIND, BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT LET THEM
17 SEXUALLY ASSAULT HIM. THEY'RE A COP. 90 PERCENT OF THE COPS
18 ARE GREAT COPS. THEN THERE'S THAT 10 PERCENT THAT ARE PSYCHOS.
19 THEY MANAGE THEIR WIVES OR THEIR BOYFRIENDS AND THEY WANT TO
20 SHOOT AND KILL PEOPLE. IF YOU CAN'T KILL THAT [EXPLITIVE]
21 TRYING TO TAKE MY MONEY, I'LL KILL THIS [EXPLITIVE] RIGHT
22 HERE. THAT'S WHO COPS ARE. I DON'T CARE THAT YOU DON'T LIKE
23 IT. I DON'T CARE THAT YOU SHAKE YOUR HEAD. EZELL FORD IS DEAD
24 BECAUSE HOMOSEXUAL COPS FOLLOWED HIM FOR THREE DAYS, SHOT HIM
25 DOWN DEAD. I DON'T CARE THAT YOU GOT YOUR FACE IS FROWNED UP.

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1 A BLACK MAN IS DEAD, BECAUSE TWO COPS WANTED TO FEEL HIM UP.
2 AND IT HAPPENED A THOUSAND TIMES AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DID
3 A STORY ON IT. ON PERVERT COPS.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP, SIR. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.
6 LYNNE PLAMBECK?

7

8 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** MY NAME IS LYNNE PLAMBECK, AND I'M HERE FOR
9 SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
10 AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO BRING TO THE SUPERVISORS' ATTENTION
11 THAT AT A TIME WHEN YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT EL NIÑO, YOU ARE
12 PASSING AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL NARROW AND ELIMINATE FLOODPLAIN
13 ON THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, POSSIBLY CAUSING DOWNSTREAM
14 FLOODING. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, COULD I WAIT UNTIL EVERYBODY
15 REALLY CAN -- IT WAS VERY FRIGHTENING COMING DOWN HERE TODAY
16 IN THE RAIN. I WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL IF PEOPLE ACTUALLY
17 LISTENED TO WHAT WE HAD TO SAY. IS THAT OKAY? THANK YOU SO
18 MUCH. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS, BECAUSE THIS ITEM, AS WE
19 SPOKE ON THE 15TH, IS BEING -- THE FLOOD PLAIN IS BEING
20 NARROWED SPECIFICALLY FOR A SHERIFF'S STATION THAT HAS NOT
21 BEEN APPROVED. THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN APPROVE UNDER
22 A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION. ONE OF THE REASONS, OF COURSE, IS THE
23 PROBLEM THAT THIS MAY BE CREATING TO DOWNSTREAM NEIGHBORS IN
24 MANNER OF FLOODING, LOSS OF GROUND WATER RECHARGE. YOU KNOW,
25 WE ARE ALL VERY GRATEFUL THAT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT GETTING A

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1 NEW SHERIFF'S STATION OUT THERE, BUT THIS NEEDS TO GO THROUGH
2 THE PROPER REVIEW. A NARROWING, I WOULD CALL YOUR ATTENTION,
3 PLEASE, SPECIFICALLY TO THE LAST TWO PAGES OF OUR LETTER WHERE
4 YOU HAVE THE DIAGRAM OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU NARROW AND LEVY
5 A RIVER. YOU PUSH THE FLOOD BEHIND AND YOU PUSH IT DOWN
6 STREAM. NOW WE'RE ALL HERE BEING VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S
7 HAPPENING IN EL NI O. AND YET WE'RE DOING THIS TO THE RIVER
8 WITHOUT THE LEGALLY REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE
9 PROJECT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO JUST CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
10 LAST PAGE WHERE WE PUT A PHOTOGRAPH OF WHAT HAPPENS TO THE
11 SANTA CLARA RIVER DURING EL NI O. NOW, WHEN YOU NARROW THE
12 RIVER, YOU JUST EXACERBATE THIS PROBLEM. SO IT'S REALLY
13 IMPORTANT THAT THIS RECEIVE THE PROPER REVIEW. AND A
14 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION IS NOT THE PROPER REVIEW. AND I HOPE
15 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PUSH US INTO MAKING MORE TROUBLE WITH
16 THIS. I HOPE YOU WILL JUST WITHDRAW THIS AGENDA ITEM, LOOK AT
17 WHAT'S GOING ON, AND PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS. THIS LETTER IS
18 WHAT YOU GOT IN YOUR OFFICES WITH THE PROPER BACKUP
19 DOCUMENTATION, EXCEPT YOU WILL SEE THAT THREE OTHER GROUPS
20 ADDED THEIR NAMES TO THE LOGO. AND THOSE ARE OUR BIG BROTHERS.
21 THEY HAVE PLENTY OF STAFF ATTORNEYS. SO PLEASE, PLEASE, LOOK
22 CLOSELY AT THIS. THIS IS NOT JUST AN AGENDA ITEM THAT CAN BE
23 JUST PUSHED ALONG WITHOUT DOING REALLY BAD DAMAGE TO THE
24 RIVER. PLEASE, AND I'M BEGGING YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. HERE'S A
25 COPY OF THE LETTER FOR THE SECRETARY.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE TWO OTHER WITNESSES
3 THAT WE'LL CALL UP. ARNOLD SACHS ON 1-H, 1, 9, 23, 27, AND 29.
4 HERMAN HERMAN ON ITEMS C.S.-1, C.S.-2, C.S.-3, NO. 1, 1-H, 6,
5 9, 20, 23, 27, AND 58.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AND I DID
8 HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I DIDN'T HEAR ANYONE CALL BINGO WITH ALL
9 THE NUMBERS YOU CALLED OUT, SO I'M CALLING BINGO JUST FOR THE
10 HELL OF IT. THERE'S AN APPOINTMENT TO THE SUNSHINE CANYON
11 LANDFILL. AS A MATTER OF FACT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED
12 THE ODOR COMING FROM THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. I'M
13 SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T MENTION THE ODOR COMING FROM THE FACT
14 THAT YOU DON'T COUNT THE 6,600 TONS OF WASTE THAT YOU SOMEHOW
15 SUBTRACTED FROM THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL THROUGH COUNTY
16 MATH AND WHY THAT IS NEVER CONSIDERED IN ANY OF THE ACTIONS
17 YOU DID. DO YOU REMEMBER WAY BACK IN 2007 WHEN YOU INCREASED
18 THE SIZE OF THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL FROM 36,000 TONS A
19 WEEK, YOU WERE DOUBLING FROM 6,000 TONS A DAY, 36,000 TONS A
20 WEEK TO 12,100 TONS A DAY, 66,000 TONS A WEEK. WHERE DID THAT
21 6,600 TONS GO? YOU NEVER HAD AN ANSWER ON THAT. SO THERE WAS A
22 PICTURE IN THE NEWSPAPER ON NOVEMBER 28TH. IT SHOWS THREE
23 TRASH TRUCKS IN A ROW. NOW IMAGINE 320 TRASH TRUCKS, BECAUSE
24 THAT'S WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO CART 6,600 TONS OF TRASH TO THE
25 SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL THAT ISN'T BEING COUNTED. AND THEN

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1 THERE WAS A STORY ABOUT EDGE WINNING HIS MALIBU PROJECT. THEY
2 ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE LIKE TONS AND TONS OF DIRT, I DON'T
3 KNOW WHAT IT SAID HERE. IT'S A LOT OF DIRT. I WAS WONDERING
4 MAYBE YOU COULD WORK AN AGREEMENT OUT WHERE HE COULD SEND THAT
5 DIRT TO SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL TO COVER THE WASTE THAT'S
6 WHAT YOU SAID IT WOULD BE USED FOR. YOU SAID IT WAS HOMEOWNERS
7 EXEMPTION MONTH. SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T
8 MENTION FORMING AN L.L.C., A LICENSED LIABILITY CORPORATION.
9 THAT'S REALLY THE BEST EXEMPTION YOU CAN GET, BECAUSE WHEN YOU
10 DO THAT, THEN YOU HAVE NO REAL OWNERSHIP PER SE, SO YOUR HOME
11 WILL NEVER GET RE-ASSESSED IN VALUE, BECAUSE THERE'S NO 51
12 PERCENT OWNERSHIP IN THE LICENSED LIABILITY CORPORATION. THERE
13 WAS THAT ITEM SOMEBODY MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT TAKING ACTION.
14 VENDORS TO THE CAFETERIA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. HOW MANY
15 VENDORS ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT FOR THE CAFETERIA? 5, 10, 1,000?
16 WHO KNOWS. A LOT OF WORK. NOTHING GOING ON. YOU HAVE AN
17 ORDINANCE FOR REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES -- NONREPRESENTED
18 EMPLOYEES. DOES THAT INCLUDE HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS? BECAUSE
19 THEY'RE NOT PART OF A UNION. SO THEY WOULD BE REPRESENTED. BUT
20 YET THE COUNTY HAS THE \$15 MINIMUM WAGE THAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT
21 THAT'S SUPPOSED TO COVER ALL COUNTY WORKERS, EXCEPT IN-HOME
22 HEALTHCARE WORKERS. THEY'RE GETTING THERE, THOUGH. THERE WAS
23 AN ITEM, H.I.V. PROVISION. YOU STARTED THE MEETING OFF, MS.
24 KUEHL, ABOUT BEING HAPPY ABOUT THE PRESENTATION, YET NOBODY'S
25 MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT THE DRUG DEALER OR THE DRUG PHARMACY

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1 THAT RAISED THEIR COST OF H.I.V. MEDICATION FROM \$15 A PILL
2 TO, WHAT WAS IT, \$7,500? \$75 MILLION? WHY DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT
3 THAT?

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. NEXT WITNESS.

6

7 **HERMAN HERMAN:** AT ISSUE HERE ARE CONSTITUTIONAL ONLY WHEN
8 THEY'RE IN VIOLATION. REGARDING 1-H, IT'S TALKING ABOUT A
9 SUBJECT OF PEST CONTROL THAT WE'RE GOING TO SPEND CLOSE TO
10 \$200,000 TO TERMINATE AN INFESTATION OF A POTENTIAL THREAT TO
11 THE HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE IN
12 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. SLUM
13 LORDS LIKE JOSE HUIZAR IS ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A FAILED
14 SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH IT'S PART OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT
15 THIS IS A HYPOTHETICAL POINT OF VIEW FROM MY STANDPOINT. NOW
16 GOING ON ITEM 23 -- OH, BY THE WAY, VOTE NO FOR MITCH
17 ENGLANDER FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT, AS HE
18 REPRESENTS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH JOSE HUIZAR. NOW ON TO
19 SUBJECT ITEM 23. THIS IS REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION BY THE
20 COUNTY FOR THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. WE'RE ALL AWARE
21 OF THE DROUGHT AND WHAT THE SUBSTANTIAL RAINFALL AS OF TODAY
22 AND GOING FORWARD, WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT MANY HOMELESS
23 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE REMOVED FROM THEIR ENCAMPMENTS, THEIR
24 MANSIONS ON THE SIDEWALKS ALONG THE FREEWAYS, ALONG OUR
25 NEIGHBORHOODS. BUT APPARENTLY SOME CITIES DON'T CARE. AND I'M

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1 NOT GOING TO POINT THEM OUT TONIGHT. BUT THE CITY OF LOS
2 ANGELES IS ONE IN CONTEMPT, FOR THEY VIOLATE THE
3 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF OUR HOMELESS PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS
4 AND WHEN I SEE THEM PUSHING THEM OFF THE SIDEWALKS AND STREETS
5 WHEN THEY'RE JUST SIMPLY SLEEPING IN THEIR TENTS AVOIDING THE
6 RAIN, THE FLOOD CONTROL PROBLEM. THEY'RE NOT TO BE WASHED
7 AWAY. THESE ARE HUMAN LIVES. UNFORTUNATELY INVOLVED IN AREAS
8 WHERE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS ARE. THIS MORNING ON THE
9 NEWS, THE SHERIFFS WERE A HIGHLIGHT ENCOURAGING HOMELESS
10 ENCAMPMENTS FROM THE FREEWAYS AND BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS TO
11 SEEK REFUGE. REFUGE, MR. THOMAS. SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE NOT TOO
12 FAMILIAR WITH AMONG THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHO ARE A BIG NUMBER
13 OF HOMELESS PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS WHO DESERVE SOME AFFORDABLE
14 HOUSING. SO IN PRACTICAL WORDS, ONCE AGAIN, I FEEL THAT THE
15 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT NEEDS TO IMPROVE WITH BETTER
16 HOUSING CONDITIONS FOR THE HOMELESS WHO LIVE IN THESE AREAS
17 NOW KNOWN AS HOMES, AFFORDABLE HOMES, BECAUSE THE \$50 MILLION
18 THAT THE COUNTY HAS AWARDED THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THAT
19 \$100 MILLION, THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY. VOTE NO FOR MITCH
20 ENGLANDER AND VOTE YES FOR MICHAEL HUNT FOR U.S. SENATE.

21
22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO MORE WITNESSES. WAYNE SPINDLER
23 ON ITEM 1-H, 1, 6, 9, 20, 23, 27, 29, 31, 36, 38, 41, 47, 48,
24 57, 58, C.S.-1, C.S.-2, C.S.-3. WE HAVE ERIC PREVEN, ITEM 20,
25 27, 31, 36, 38, 41, 45, 47, 48, 57, 58 AND C.S.-1.

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2 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** VERY GOOD. THEN I GET 24 MINUTES. WELL, NOW

3 WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING HERE LIKE THE CRIMINALS AT THE CITY OF

4 LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL DO. WE'RE JUST MISHMASHING EVERYTHING

5 UP LIKE MASHED POTATOES, TAKING THE AGENDA, JUST MIXING IT UP

6 LIKE MASHED POTATOES, PUT A LITTLE CORN HERE AND A LITTLE PEAS

7 HERE AND A LITTLE SAUSAGE THERE, JUST MIX IT UP ALL TOGETHER

8 IN AN UNINTELLIGIBLE MESS. WHY? PUBLIC SPEAKERS ARE THE ENEMY.

9 BECAUSE WHEN WE COME HERE, WE DISRUPT THE FLOW, THE FLOW OF

10 THE SEWAGE, THE FLOW OF THE CAMPAIGN SEWAGE, THE CAMPAIGN

11 DONOR SEWAGE, AND ALL OF THE BACK-DOOR DEALS. WE'RE HERE, AND

12 THAT'S A PROBLEM. THAT'S A PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED. SO

13 I WAS ILLEGALLY ARRESTED, FOR EXAMPLE, ON A BROWN ACT MEETING

14 AT THE L.A. POLICE COMMISSION. AND EVEN ASSAULTED AND ACCOSTED

15 BY ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS. SEE, IT'S ALL THE SAME THING.

16 TAKING ALL OF THESE TOPICS AND MISHMASHING THESE TOPICS UP

17 CREATES A LACK OF ADEQUATE PUBLIC COMMENT AND VIOLATING THE

18 BROWN ACT. IT'S ANOTHER FORM OF VIOLENCE. IT'S ANOTHER FORM OF

19 CIVIL DISTURBANCE. IT'S ANOTHER FORM OF CIVIL RIGHTS

20 DEPRIVATION, BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO SIT

21 THERE AND LET US TALK ON EACH AGENDIZED ITEM. YOU JUST WANT TO

22 GET IT OVER WITH SO YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE RAIN AND GO TO YOUR

23 COUNTRY CLUB AND PLAY BRIDGE. AND BY THE WAY, THEY ARE HOLDING

24 THE GAME UP RIGHT NOW. MR. SOBOROFF IS AHEAD BY \$400 AT THE

25 L.A. COUNTRY CLUB. THEY WERE PAGING ME. SO I KNOW EVERYBODY

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1 NEEDS TO PLAY BRIDGE. BUT DON'T PLAY GOLF IN THE RAIN. I MEAN,
2 I DID WHEN I WAS IN ENGLAND, BUT YOU USUALLY HEAR IN SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA YOU PLAY BRIDGE AND YOU DRINK. AND YOU DRINK NOT
4 THAT CHEAP CRAP WE BUY. YOU GOT TO GET THAT BLUE LABEL SCOTCH.
5 THAT JOHNNY WALKER 200-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SCOTCH. \$400 A BOTTLE.
6 YOU GOT TO DRINK THAT. BUT WE'RE DISRUPTING YOUR FLOW. AND
7 THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU DO ALL OF THIS. THAT'S WHY THE
8 ANGER IS HERE. THAT'S WHY EVERYBODY'S ANGRY BECAUSE YOU DON'T
9 WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO SIT THERE AND LISTEN TO US. SO RIGHT
10 NOW AT CITY HALL, I HAVE THREE CLAIMS TOTALING \$1,250,000.
11 TELL MITCHELL ENGLANDER AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO PAY ME SO I
12 CAN MOVE OUT OF HERE AND LEAVE AND YOU CAN CONTINUE WITH YOUR
13 THEFT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT NEEDS TO GO ON. THAT'S WHY YOU GOT
14 TO MISHMASH ALL OF THIS STUFF TOGETHER. AND THAT'S WHY PEOPLE
15 ARE ANGRY, BECAUSE THEY WANT TO TALK ON THE SUBJECTS IN AN
16 INTELLIGIBLE HUMAN MANNER.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM
19 THE THIRD DISTRICT. THE LITIGATION REPORTS THAT WERE ON THE
20 AGENDA TODAY HAVE BEEN PUSHED A WEEK. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
21 LIABILITY NUMBER IS UP 43.4 PERCENT, AN INCREASE OF \$14.6
22 MILLION UP TO A TOTAL OF \$48,300,000. THAT'S A SUBSTANTIAL,
23 ENORMOUS INCREASE. WE'LL HEAR MORE ABOUT IT WHEN IT'S ON THE
24 AGENDA. BUT PLEASE PUBLISH THE REPORT SO WE CAN SEE THE COST
25 OF LITIGATION CLEARLY AND BRING THAT INTO FOCUS FOR THE

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1 PUBLIC. ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS CONTINUED TO BACK HER
2 OFFICE, I GUESS. THAT'S THE IMPROVEMENT OF SUPERVISORIAL
3 CONDITIONS TO HAVE FEWER BOARD MEETINGS, WHICH DID NOT GET A
4 WARM RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC. AND I WOULD CONCUR THAT WE NEED
5 TO LEAVE OR ADD MEETINGS TO THE SCHEDULE. ITEM 20, APPARENTLY
6 ONLY 50 PERCENT OF THE BEACH COMMISSION, WHICH INCLUDES, BY
7 THE WAY, A GLASER WEIL ATTORNEY, THAT'S OUR LAW FIRM, THE
8 COUNTY USES THAT FIRM REGULARLY, SERVES ON IT, CLARE
9 BRONOWSKI, ONLY ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THEM SHOW UP FOR THE
10 MEETINGS. SO WE'RE EXTENDING THEM OUT TO 2019. THAT SEEMS BAD.
11 MR. POWERS, WHO BOOKED A VACATION ON COSTCO, IS IN TROUBLE. SO
12 AT C.S.-1, WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW CHIEF OF PROBATION, WHICH
13 IS A VERY IMPORTANT JOB. ITEM C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD
14 EVALUATIONS. I DON'T LIKE TO, YOU KNOW, CHASTEN PEOPLE IN
15 PUBLIC -- YES, I DO -- BUT, SUPERVISORS, PLEASE TURN TO THE
16 COUNTY COUNSEL AND EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT THE MEYERS NAVE LAW
17 FIRM IS NOT SPECIAL OR UNIQUE, THAT THE WORK THAT THEY DO FOR
18 THE COUNTY MUST BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC WHO PAY THE BILL,
19 OKAY? IF THEY WANT TO, YOU KNOW, PURSUE THE LINE THAT THEY'VE
20 BEEN ON, THEY'RE IN A BAD AREA. THE CITY DISCLOSED. THEY MADE
21 \$395 AN HOUR. THEY DO LOTS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF LITIGATION.
22 WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
23 ANGELES, OKAY? AND ALSO, THE A.E.C.O.M. REPORT. YOU KNOW
24 THEY'RE ON THE AGENDA TODAY, PICKING UP \$1.25 MILLION OR MAYBE
25 MORE BECAUSE IT'S MERGED IN WITH ANOTHER COMPANY. THAT GROUP

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1 WE HAVE ASKED REPEATEDLY THE C.E.O. TO PROVIDE A REPORT OF HOW
2 MANY JOBS IS A.E.C.O.M. REALLY DOING FOR THE COUNTY. PLEASE
3 DISCLOSE IT APPROPRIATELY ENOUGH ALREADY. ITEM 43 AND 44 IS
4 THE ROBUST PRIVATE SECURITY NUMBERS. WE HAVE \$188 MILLION
5 GOING TO FIRM A AND \$199 MILLION GOING TO FIRM B. THAT IS
6 MILLION DOLLARS. SO THAT'S ALMOST HALF A BILLION RIGHT THERE,
7 BUT THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE REMAINING SECURITAS CONTRACTS,
8 WHICH WILL TAKE PROBABLY, I DON'T WANT TO MISQUOTE, BUT CLOSE
9 TO A BILLION DOLLARS IN PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACTS SUPERVISED
10 BY SENIOR SHERIFFS WHO COLLECT SIX-FIGURE SALARIES. ITEM -- I
11 GOT TO FINISH UP HERE ITEM 31 IS EL CARISO. IT'S A STINKY ITEM
12 COMING FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. THIS IS A GOLF COURSE WITH A
13 RESTROOM RENOVATION. WE HAD TO ADJUST THE ALLOCATED PROP 1996
14 MONEY TO GET IT TO AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION, WHICH IS WHAT
15 WE'RE DOING AGAIN. THEY HAVE A FIVE-YEAR DEAL TO MANAGE THIS
16 COURSE. THEY DON'T PAY ANY RENT! SO THAT'S NOT FAIR TO THE
17 REGULAR PUBLIC WHO SIT HERE EVERY DAY AND TRY TO HOLD THE
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ACCOUNTABLE.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

23

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEMS 1-H, 1, 6, 9,
2 20, 23, 27, 29, 31, 36, 38, 41, 45, 47, 48, 57 AND 58 ARE
3 BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
6 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE WILL TURN MEMBERS
7 TO ITEM NUMBER 15. THAT HAS BEEN HELD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
8 ANTONOVICH. SINCE IT IS MY ITEM, I'D DO WANT TO SPEAK TO IT.
9 SO I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE'RE VERY CLOSE, MEMBERS, PERHAPS A
10 MONTH AWAY FROM RELEASING OUR LONG-AWAITED NEW CAFETERIA
11 VENDOR R.F.P. FOR OUR HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. THE NEW R.F.P.
12 WILL SEEK TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE SOCIAL ENTERPRISES TO SERVE
13 OUR EMPLOYEES IN THE HALL BUT ALSO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN GRAND
14 PARK. PAST WORK BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ANTONOVICH
15 ENSURE THAT THE VENDOR WILL OFFER GOOD, HEALTHY FOOD AND GREEN
16 OPERATIONS. AS WE ARE WAITING FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO
17 PREPARE AND INSERT THE NEW LIVING-WAGE PROGRAM LANGUAGE INTO
18 THE R.F.P., SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I -- AND I THANK HER FOR HER
19 COAUTHORSHIP -- BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD PILOT TWO IMPORTANT
20 CONCEPTS THAT ALSO WILL HELP MAKE UP CONDITIONS FOR
21 SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS. WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IMPROVING
22 WHAT WE DO HERE AT THE COUNTY BY LIFTING UP WAGES AND
23 PROVIDING GOOD MEANS FOR PEOPLE TO SURVIVE AND PATHWAYS FOR
24 CAREERS. WE WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND SENIOR
25 SERVICES TO IDENTIFY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT

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1 RESOURCES TO BOTH UPSCALE OR EXISTING WORKERS THAT WOULDN'T
2 QUALIFY TO WORK WITH THE NEW EMPLOYER, THEREBY MAXIMIZING
3 WORKER RETENTION, AND LAUNCH A FIRST-SOURCE HIRING PROGRAM TO
4 PROVIDE JOB PLACEMENT TO OUR VETERANS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS
5 THAT ARE FACING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT COMING OUT OF CULINARY
6 ARTS TRAINING PROGRAMS. SINCE THE COUNTY HAS INVESTED MONTHS
7 OF EFFORTS GETTING THIS R.F.P. OFF THE GROUND, AND BECAUSE WE
8 HAVE AN ECONOMIC INTEREST IN THE SUCCESS OF THIS VENTURE, WE
9 SHOULD EMPLOY A TOOL USED BY MANY OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO
10 PREVENT LABOR DISPUTES FROM AFFECTING THE RELIABLE DELIVERY OF
11 VENDOR SERVICES. WE ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK IN 30
12 DAYS ON OUR ABILITY TO REQUIRE THAT A LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT BE
13 IN PLACE BEFORE SIGNING OUR CONTRACT AND TO LATER CONSIDER AS
14 POTENTIAL APPLICABILITY AS A TOOL ON OTHER CONTRACTS. WE HAVE
15 -- YES, SUPERVISOR KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ASK, SHOULD NO ONE BID ON THIS UNDER
18 THESE VERY STRICT CONDITIONS? I MEAN IT JUST DOESN'T WORK OUT.
19 I STILL THINK WE SHOULD LOOK AT A FOOD COURT DOWN THERE. IT
20 CAN HAVE THE SAME KIND OF CONDITIONS THAT YOU HAVE, BUT THAT
21 MIGHT BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR US. OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
22 HAVE THAT IN THEIR BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT. BUT IT MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY DOWN THE ROAD. JUST
24 TO LOOK AT IT. JUST DEPENDING UPON THE SUCCESS OF THE R.F.P.
25 AND WE COME BACK AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF BIDDERS, IT'S NOT A

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1 PROBLEM. BUT AT SOME POINT WE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT A FOOD
2 COURT SHOULD WE NOT BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE NEW VENDOR.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD
5 ON THIS ITEM.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T SAY THAT. I SAID SHOULD IT COME BACK AND
8 WE DON'T HAVE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF BIDDERS THAT WE LOOK AT
9 THE NEXT STEP BE IT A FOOD COURT IN THE FUTURE.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ALSO THE WAY IT'S WRITTEN, HOMEBOYS
14 WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BID ON THIS CONTRACT. AND THERE ARE OTHER
15 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE HOMEBOY THAT OUGHT TO ALSO HAVE AN
16 OPPORTUNITY TO BID. I KNOW HOMEBOY DOES L.A. CITY AND I
17 BELIEVE THEY DO A FACILITY AT LAX, AS WELL.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE
20 ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE, ALSO, IS TO HELP ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS
21 THAT ARE RECIPIENTS OF PROGRAMS LIKE HOMEBOY AND OTHERS TO BE
22 ABLE TO ALSO FOLLOW AND BE A PART OF THIS CAREER PATH IN THE
23 CULINARY ARTS. I KNOW HOMEBOY HAS THEIR PARTICULAR PROGRAM.
24 BUT L.A. TRADE TECH ALSO HAS A PROGRAM --

25

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1 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THEY SHOULD SUBMIT A PROPOSAL.

2

3 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TO CONDUCT THE CATERING?

4

5 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IF WE'RE GOING TO GO OUT AND SEE WHO
6 WANTS TO BID ON IT, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
7 PROCESS WITH THE PROPOSALS AND THEN EVALUATE THOSE THAT COME
8 TO US.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
11 WE HAD DONE ALSO IN ANOTHER PREVIOUS MOTION WAS TO LOOK AT
12 CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLACES LIKE HOMEBOY. SO I DON'T
13 OBJECT TO THEM WORKING WITH US. I'M NOT QUITE SURE THAT FOR
14 THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACT THAT IT'S GOING TO FIT AS CLEAN, SO
15 TO SPEAK. BUT I DON'T RULE OUT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE IN THE
16 PAST VOTED ON OPENING UP CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES AND
17 PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO PLACES LIKE HOMEBOY AND OTHERS
18 THAT ARE DOING A GOOD JOB OF UPSCALING A VERY NEEDY POPULATION
19 AND GIVING THEM GOOD JOBS. WELL, I UNDERSTAND. SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, REALLY, TO
23 UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT THIS MOTION ASKS FOR IS TWO REPORT BACKS
24 WITHIN 30 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING CONTRACTORS
25 RESPONDING TO AN R.F.P. TO DO SEVERAL THINGS. BUT WE WOULD

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1 LIKE THE ANALYSIS FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE ABOUT WHETHER IN
2 THEIR EXPERIENCE THIS WOULD MEAN TOO LIMITED A GROUP. THE
3 GOALS, HOWEVER, I THINK ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY. THE
4 FIRST GOAL, FOR INSTANCE, OF WORKER RETENTION, ONE OF THE
5 THINGS THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT OVER THE YEARS WITH CONTRACTORS
6 IS THE MINUTE YOU CHANGE A CONTRACTOR, THEN, BOOM, ALL THE
7 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YOU, IT COULD BE 25 YEARS,
8 PEOPLE THAT YOU GET YOUR LUNCH FROM EVERY DAY IN THE
9 CAFETERIA, COULD BE COMPLETELY SWEEPED OUT. AND SO WE WANT SOME
10 ATTENTION PAID TO WORKER RETENTION SO THAT IT ISN'T JUST LIKE,
11 OOP, NEW REGIME, YOU ALL JUST LOST YOUR JOBS. I THINK IT'S AN
12 IMPORTANT GOAL FOR THE COUNTY. AND IT'S THE SAME WITH ALL OF
13 THESE ELEMENTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE REQUEST FOR
14 FEASIBILITY. I WOULD ASK, MADAME CHAIR, IN THE AREA WHERE YOU
15 HAVE GIVEN AN EXAMPLE OF CULINARY PROGRAMS, THE L.A. TRADE
16 TECH CULINARY PROGRAM, THAT WE MIGHT ADD MISSION COLLEGE,
17 WHICH HAS A VERY STRONG CULINARY PREPARATION PROGRAM IN THE
18 VALLEY BECAUSE...

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, THERE ARE MANY.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ..THESE ARE A NUMBER OF PLACES THAT WE WANT
23 TO SAY: WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPLOY OUR OWN.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO I THINK THAT SINCE THIS IS A REQUEST FOR
3 A LOOK AT FEASIBILITY, THAT WE WILL HEAR BACK. THE R.F.P.
4 WON'T BE WRITTEN. I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT ONE MORE PANDA
5 EXPRESS ON THE FIRST FLOOR, NO OFFENSE TO THEM. BUT, YOU KNOW,
6 I LOVE FOOD COURTS. BUT I THINK WE ALWAYS --

7

8 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SUBWAY. SUBWAY.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

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12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THEY ARE IN COLLEGES.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MAKES MY POINT ENTIRELY, ACTUALLY. JUST ONE
15 MORE MALL ON THE FIRST FLOOR HERE. I DON'T THINK SO. WELL,
16 FROM MY POINT OF VIEW AND THE REASON WHY I CO-AUTHORED THIS, I
17 THINK WE OWE OUR EMPLOYEES THE ABILITY TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE
18 FOR THEM IN TERMS OF WHO WE EMPLOY, EVEN TO SERVE THEM FOOD.
19 SO I HOPE THAT WE'LL GET SUPPORT FOR THIS, JUST FOR THESE TWO
20 REPORT BACKS ON FEASIBILITY.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE I ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS, I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY SOMETHING THAT MY STAFF JUST
24 POINTED OUT. HOMEBOY CAN APPLY FOR THIS. IN FACT, THEY GET AN
25 8 PERCENT BOOST IN TERMS OF QUALIFYING FOR THIS. SO THERE'S

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1 NOTHING THAT WOULD PRECLUDE THEM FROM APPLYING. SO LET'S
2 CLARIFY THAT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS, THE FIRST OF
5 WHICH IS THE REASON THIS INITIALLY CAME TO OUR ATTENTION BY
6 WAY OF A MOTION THAT I BROUGHT FORTH WAS BECAUSE OF THE
7 ROUTINE OBSERVATIONS AND COMPLAINTS OF STATUS OF FOOD SERVICE
8 IN THIS BUILDING. I BELIEVE THAT WE OWE IT TO OUR EMPLOYEES TO
9 HAVE QUALITY FOOD IN THE BUILDING. AND THIS IS A THREE-YEAR-
10 OLD CONVERSATION, PLUS. ALL RIGHT? AND WHAT'S INTERESTING
11 ABOUT THIS IS THE EXPERIENCE THAT WE HAD WHEN GOING TO OUR
12 ANNUAL TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., PREVIOUSLY THOSE CAFETERIAS
13 WERE NOT AS INVITING AS THEY ARE NOW. IT TOOK LEADERSHIP. IT
14 WAS ONE SAID SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, NANCY PELOSI, AS I RECALL,
15 WHO SAID WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS. AND THEY WENT THROUGH AND
16 CLEANED UP THOSE CAFETERIAS IN TERMS OF THE PHYSICAL
17 PRESENTATION AND INSTITUTED NEW STANDARDS. THEY BECAME
18 ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIVE. AND THE FOOD TOOK A SIGNIFICANT
19 STEP IN THE PROPER DIRECTION. AND IT'S NOT LIMITED IN TERMS OF
20 THE QUALITY OF IT AS WELL AS THE VARIETY. MIGHT I EVEN SAY,
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU'D HAVE A GOOD TIME THERE, AS WOULD I,
22 BECAUSE THEY JUST MADE, YEAH, THEY HAVE ALL OF THE THINGS THAT
23 WE MIGHT CHOOSE TO ENJOY. AND SO THIS, I BELIEVE, CAN BE THAT
24 WHICH WE HAVE IN THIS BUILDING CAN BE THAT AND MORE. SO I'M
25 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS ITEM TODAY. BUT I WANT US TO QUICKLY GET TO

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1 THE BOTTOM LINE, WHICH IS HIGHER QUALITY, BETTER FOOD SERVICE
2 THAT HONORS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS WELL AS THOSE THINGS THAT ARE
3 BEING IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION TODAY. WE CAN DO THIS. AND I
4 THINK THE EMPLOYEES IN THIS BUILDING WILL HAVE GREAT REASON
5 FOR CELEBRATION.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. WE HAVE SOME WITNESSES. MARK
8 GUTIERREZ. ARNOLD SACHS. WAYNE FROM ENCINO AND HERMAN HERMAN.
9 GOOD AFTERNOON.

10

11 **MARK GUTIERREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARK GUTIERREZ. I'M
12 WITH S.E.I.U./U.S.W.W. AT S.E.I.U, WE WORK WITH AT LEAST THREE
13 RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTORS THAT CAN MEET THIS NEED. OVER THE
14 YEARS, WE HAVE SET UP TAFT-HARTLEY FUNDS. OUR BUILDING SKILLS
15 PARTNERSHIP THAT TRAIN OUR MEMBERS IN THINGS LIKE EMERGENCY
16 PREPAREDNESS, RECYCLING, CLIENT COMMUNICATION, BASIC ENGLISH
17 LITERACY, WE HAVE DONE THIS WITH JANITORIAL, AIRPORTS AND
18 SECURITY. BUT WE COULD EXPAND TO FOOD SERVICE SINCE SEVERAL OF
19 OUR CONTRACTORS DO BOTH CLEANING AND FOOD SERVICE, AS WELL.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS,
24 AND ANOTHER FASCINATING ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD.
25 SOMEBODY MENTIONED HIGHER QUALITY, BETTER FOOD, SOMETHING,

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1 SOMETHING, SOMETHING. THAT'S ALL PART OF THE REQUEST FOR
2 PROPOSAL. I MEAN, IF YOU WANT BETTER QUALITY, PUT IT IN YOUR
3 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. NOW, YOU TALKED ABOUT OTHER CONTRACTORS.
4 IF YOU LOOK INTO SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING, WHICH SEEMS TO BE AN
5 ISSUE THAT YOU ALWAYS COME UP WITH. EVERY QUARTER YOU HAVE
6 SOME TWO OR THREE SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS. WOULD YOU USE THIS AS
7 A BASIS FOR ELIMINATING THE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS THAT YOU
8 LIKE TO PUT OUT ALL THE TIME? I DON'T THINK SO. SO WHAT
9 EXACTLY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THE EMPLOYEES THAT YOU HAVE IN
10 THE CAFETERIA TO SERVE YOUR EMPLOYEES? THEY'RE NOT YOUR
11 EMPLOYEES. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE PUTTING OUT A REQUEST FOR
12 PROPOSAL TO HIRE NEW COMPANIES TO COME IN AND TAKE OVER THE
13 OPERATION. AND YOU PUT THE STANDARDS IN THE REQUEST FOR
14 PROPOSALS. AND KNOWING THEY CAN MEET THOSE STANDARDS, THEY
15 MIGHT GET CONSIDERED. AND THOSE THAT CAN'T, THEY WON'T GET
16 CONSIDERED. YOU TALK ABOUT FOOD COURT. WHAT ABOUT FOOD TRUCKS?
17 HOW DO THEY ENTER INTO IT? YOU HAVE FOOD TRUCKS OUT IN GRAND
18 PARK. WAIT, MAYBE GRAND PARK ISN'T PART OF THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS DOMAIN. THERE WAS A GUY IN HERE THIS MORNING
20 LOOKING TO PUT SOME KIND OF INTERNET CONNECTION IN STARBUCKS.
21 AND HE WAS TOLD THAT'S NOT PART OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
22 SO MAYBE THE FOOD TRUCKS AREN'T INVOLVED WITH THAT. MAYBE
23 THAT'S PART OF GRAND PARK. SO WHAT IS YOUR INFLUENCE THERE?
24 WOULD THOSE PEOPLE BE REQUIRED TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS TO
25 HAVE PEOPLE IN THE FOOD TRUCKS THAT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS?

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1 AND YOU TALKED ABOUT YOUR VETERANS HIRING INITIATIVE. WE'VE
2 ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THIS. VETERANS FOR CONSTRUCTION. WHAT
3 ABOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS? YOU FAILED TO TALK ABOUT THAT AT ALL.
4 SO NOW YOU'RE GOING TO STICK TO HAVING IMPORTANT GUYS. YOU GOT
5 TO BE A HAMBURGER FLIPPER VERSUS A SALAD MAKER. VERY, VERY
6 IMPORTANT STUFF YOU GOT GOING ON.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

9

10 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. THIS IS REALLY GOOD. EVERYBODY HAS TO
11 AGREE TO THE LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF A
12 COUNTY CONTRACT. AND THAT THE L.P.A. AT A MINIMUM PROHIBITS
13 SUCH LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS FROM ENGAGING IN
14 PICKETING, WORK STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS OR OTHER ECONOMIC
15 INTERFERENCE WITH THE BUSINESS OF SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR. NOW,
16 WHAT DOES THAT SOUND LIKE? THAT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE GOING BACK
17 TO THE 1800S. I MEAN, THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOU GET A JOB BUT AT
18 THE DOOR YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS TO LEGALLY
19 ENGAGE IN PICKETING, WORK STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS AND ECONOMIC
20 INTERFERENCE. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ONLY GET A JOB IF YOU
21 GIVE UP YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. AS LONG AS YOU GIVE UP
22 YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS, YOU CAN WORK UNDER THIS REQUEST
23 FOR PROPOSAL. THAT'S ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS GIVE UP YOUR FIRST
24 AMENDMENT RIGHTS. WELL, WHY DON'T WE JUST ADD THE SECOND
25 AMENDMENT? GIVE UP YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS. YOU SHOULD

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1 ADD PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THE COUNTY CONTRACT, ALL PERSONS
2 SHALL AGREE TO SURRENDER ALL FIREARMS IN YOUR HOUSE, INCLUDING
3 BUT NOT LIMITED TO YOUR SPOUSE'S AND YOUR CHILDREN. AND THEN
4 YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO A STEP FURTHER. ALL OF THE PEOPLE PRIOR
5 TO EXECUTION OF THE COUNTY CONTRACT SHALL ALLOW POLICE
6 OFFICERS AT ANY MOMENT TO USE ONE OF THEIR ROOMS TO HOUSE FOR
7 FREE. WHERE DOES IT END? YOU WANT TO PROHIBIT PEOPLE FROM
8 LAWFULLY ASSEMBLING AND LAWFULLY ENGAGING IN PROTEST CONDUCT
9 JUST TO GET A PAYCHECK? WE'RE BETTER THAN THIS. SO GET THAT
10 OUT OF THERE, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T GET IT OUT OF THERE, THE
11 A.C.L.U. AND A BUNCH OF LAWYERS ARE GOING TO SUE YOU. AND
12 AFTER \$2 MILLION, YOU'LL REMOVE THAT. SO GET RID OF IT NOW.

13

14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, AT ISSUE HERE, ONCE AGAIN, IS SOMETHING
15 REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION. AND ONLY WHEN, AS BROUGHT OUT BY
16 THE FORMER SPEAKER, THAT ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS FROM
17 ENGAGING IN PICKETING, WORK SHORTAGES AND STOPPAGES, BOYCOTTS,
18 AND OTHER ECONOMIC INTERFERENCES WITH THE BUSINESS. AND THEN
19 I'M GOING TO GO ON TOP, BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE JUST READING IT
20 OFF THE LIST BECAUSE IT SOUNDS VERY INCOHERENT. HOMELESS OR
21 FORMERLY HOMELESS, CUSTODIAL SINGLE PARENTS, VETERANS IS
22 NUMBER 1, CANDIDATE NUMBER 9 HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD OR
23 INVOLVEMENT WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WELL, HOW MANY OF US
24 HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS AND MAYBE ONE INDIVIDUAL HERE HAS HAD A
25 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER? SO THE BOTTOM LINE

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1 IS, YOU CAN'T DISCRIMINATE AND SEGREGATE THIS FORM OF BUSINESS
2 AS A SHADY WAY OF BUSINESS. LET'S NOT COMPROMISE WHAT WE'RE
3 DOING HERE WHEN WE SAY THAT ORGANIZATIONS OR MEMBERS SUCH AS
4 UNIONS FROM ENGAGING IN PICKETING, BECAUSE YOU VIOLATE THEIR
5 RIGHTS, THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS TO ENGAGE IN POSSIBLE BETTER PAY
6 WAGES THAT ARE COMING AND THE POTENTIAL OF GETTING REAL
7 INSURANCE THAT COVERS THEM FROM OBAMACARE. BUT DESPITE THIS,
8 WITH THE POOR FAMILIES IN HOMEBOY INDUSTRY, THEY DESERVE A LOT
9 MORE. AND IT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT BEFORE MAKING
10 THIS DETERMINATION, AS BROUGHT OUT BY MR. ANTONOVICH. HOLD IT.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
13 KUEHL. SECONDED BY MYSELF. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SEEING NO
14 OBJECTION. MOVING ON TO -- WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP
15 RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM NO. 57 SO WE CAN HEAR FROM CAM
16 NOLTEMEYER. SO, IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION? MOVED? SECONDED
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION. CAM NOLTEMEYER. THANK YOU.

18

19 **CAM NOLTEMEYER:** CAM NOLTEMEYER SPEAKING FOR S.C.O.P.E. AGAIN
20 THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION. THIS IS
21 CRUCIAL TO OUR COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW. WE'RE HAVING THE RAIN COME
22 DOWN AND YOU'RE PROPOSING NARROWING OUR RIVER DOWN. AND WHAT
23 IS BEING PROPOSED FOR IS FOR A SHERIFF'S STATION. AND WE'RE
24 ALSO EXPANDING A SEWAGE PLANT IN THAT SAME AREA. AND YOU
25 CONTINUE TO NARROW DOWN THE RIVER. ALL YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS

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1 BRING OUR COMMUNITY INTO A REAL DISASTER WHEN THE SHERIFF'S
2 STATION OR THAT SANITATION DISTRICT GETS FLOODED. WE JUST HAD
3 THE SANITATION DISTRICT EXTEND THE AREA. WE'RE BRINGING IN ALL
4 KINDS OF OUTSIDE DIRT, WHICH CLEARLY INDICATES THAT THIS
5 SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE ARE FINDING
6 OUT MORE AND MORE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS PROTESTING AGAINST
7 THESE TYPES OF THINGS BEING PUT IN THERE WITHOUT CONSIDERATION
8 OF THE COMMUNITY. AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. YOU KEEP
9 NARROWING IT DOWN, CREATING PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE DISASTROUS
10 FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE JUST FOUGHT OFF DEEP INJECTION WELLS.
11 AND WE ALSO HAVE A DEEP INJECTION GAS AREA JUST LIKE ALISO
12 RIGHT IN OUR AREA, IN THE SAME AREA. I THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH
13 PROBLEMS WITHOUT CONTINUING THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY WITHOUT
14 PROPER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, WHICH IS BEING ASKED FOR IN THIS
15 LETTER BY US AND OUR BIG BROTHERS. THIS SHOULD HAVE AN E.I.R.
16 IT SHOULD NOT BE JUST PASSED AS THOUGH IT'S IMMATERIAL. IT IS
17 NOT IMMATERIAL TO OUR AREA. IT IS CRUCIAL TO OUR AREA THAT
18 THIS BE STOPPED. THIS TYPE OF NARROWING DOWN OF THE SANTA
19 CLARA RIVER IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND IT'S ALSO
20 CAN BE VERY DAMAGING TO THE FACILITIES YOU ARE APPROVING FOR
21 IN THAT AREA. WE CANNOT SIT BACK ANY LONGER AND JUST LET THIS
22 CONTINUE TO HAPPEN WITH THE IDEA THAT THE TAXPAYERS WILL PAY
23 FOR IT LATER. I SEE THAT HAPPENING TODAY ALL THROUGH, WHERE
24 YOU'RE COMING IN AND SAYING, WELL BECAUSE WE DIDN'T DO WHAT
25 WE'RE SUPPOSED TO, WE'RE NOW GOING TO ASK FOR THE TAXPAYERS TO

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1 PAY FOR CORRECTING IT. WE WANT THIS CORRECTED NOW. WE WANT AN
2 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR
3 COMMUNITY, WHICH IS AT THIS TIME YOU ARE NOT DOING SO. AND IT
4 CAN BE DISASTROUS. WE FOUGHT OFF THE DEEP INJECTION WELLS. THE
5 COMMUNITY DID THAT.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS
8 BEFORE US AGAIN. ITEM 57 MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED. SO
9 ORDERED. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'RE NOW GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM NO.
10 21. SUPERVISOR KNABE? THAT ITEM WAS HELD.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HELD THE ITEM. I SUPPORT THE ITEM. THE
13 QUESTION I HAVE IS PROCESS, IN HOW THIS ACTION WAS STRUCTURED,
14 WHETHER IT'S A THREE-VOTE OR FOUR-VOTE ITEM. I THINK WE WERE
15 WAITING TO HEAR FROM COUNTY COUNSEL. I MEAN, I SUPPORT THE
16 ACTION. I JUST THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM.

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU. MY OFFICE
19 HAS RESEARCHED IT AND WE'VE LOOKED INTO IT. OUR CONCLUSION IS
20 THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION IS A LOAN THAT IS EXPECTED TO BE
21 REPAID AND IT WILL BE TRACKED AS A RECEIVABLE AND THEREFORE IT
22 IS NOT --

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** EXCUSE ME, MAYOR. MR. PREVEN SEEMS TO BE FIXING TO
25 CONTROL THE MEETING. CAN YOU START OVER AGAIN, PLEASE?

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2 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** ABSOLUTELY. SO, MY OFFICE LOOKED INTO
3 IT, AND WHAT WE LEARNED IS THAT THIS MATTER, THE PROPOSED
4 ACTION WILL BE A LOAN THAT IS EXPECTED TO BE REPAID AND WILL
5 BE TRACKED AS AN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE. IT IS NOT AN
6 APPROPRIATION OF MONIES. AND THEREFORE WE ADVISE IT AS A
7 THREE-VOTE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THIS LOAN IS NOT THE
10 APPROPRIATION AS TO M.L.K. L.A. HEALTHCARE?

11

12 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES. I ALSO NOTE THAT THE ORIGINAL
13 M.L.K. LOAN WAS APPROVED AS A THREE-VOTE MATTER, AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY DON'T PAY US BACK? IF THAT
16 WERE TO HAPPEN?

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** BAD DEBT, WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ACTION.
19 ALSO JOHN NAIMO IS HERE FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
20 TO ADDRESS ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ORIGINAL QUESTION WAS TO YOU. IT'S A LEGAL
23 ISSUE, NOT HIS. CORRECT?

24

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** AS TO THE VOTE, OUR OPINION, IT'S A
2 THREE-VOTE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. NAIMO, THE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION IS
7 RELATED TO DEFAULT SCENARIOS.

8

9 **JOHN NAIMO:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR, JOHN NAIMO, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.
10 THE ACTION BEFORE YOU TODAY WILL CREATE A RESERVE AGAINST THE
11 POSSIBILITY IF THE LOAN IS NOT REPAYED. WHAT THAT MEANS IS IF
12 THE LOAN FOR SOME REASON DOES DEFAULT, THE BUDGET HAS ALREADY
13 PROVIDED A RESERVE FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE LOAN. WHEN THE LOAN
14 IS REPAYED, THE RESERVE WILL BE RELEASED AND THE MONEY WILL
15 COME BACK INTO THE BUDGET AND CAN BE APPROPRIATED BASED ON
16 FOUR VOTES OF THE BOARD AT THAT TIME.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN'T SPEND THAT 40
19 MILLION YOU SET ASIDE, IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **JOHN NAIMO:** THAT'S CORRECT. WHEN THE MONEY COMES BACK, IT WILL
22 BE RETURNED TO THE GENERAL FUND. AND IF SPENT OUTSIDE OF THE
23 BUDGET PROCESS, IT'S SUBJECT TO FOUR VOTES.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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1

2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR --
3 OH. SORRY. WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS. I'M JUMPING AHEAD OF MYSELF.
4 WE HAVE TWO, THREE SPEAKERS, WAYNE FROM ENCINO, ARNOLD SACHS,
5 AND HERMAN HERMAN.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. I GUESS I
8 HAVE TO READ THIS BETTER. THANK YOU FOR HOLDING THIS,
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. SO \$40 MILLION. IS
10 THERE ANY PAYMENT PLAN FOR THIS LOAN TO BE REPAID? IS THIS A
11 LEASE REVENUE TYPE BOND WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO BE PAYING FOR
12 THE LEASE, REPAYING THIS LOAN THROUGH A LEASE? NOW, IT SAID IN
13 THIS ITEM, REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING
14 JUNIOR LOS ANGELES HEALTHCARE CORPORATION. M.L.K.-L.A.
15 HEALTHCARE TO AUTHORIZE M.L.K.-L.A. HEALTHCARE ACCESS TO THE
16 ADDITIONAL \$40 MILLION. SO IS THE CORPORATION GETTING THE
17 LOAN? OR IS THE M.L.K.-L.A. HEALTHCARE GETTING THE LOAN? WHO
18 WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE LOAN? REPAYING THE LOAN?
19 THERE IS A DISTINCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE TWO ENTITIES,
20 THAT LEGALESE STUFF. YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT YOU PAID COUNTY
21 COUNSEL FOR. COULD YOU WAKE HER AND LET HER KNOW SHE MIGHT
22 WANT TO CHIP IN ON THAT. AND AGAIN \$40 MILLION. AND YOU HAD ON
23 YOUR ITEM A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS NEW
24 BIO, FINDING FACILITIES FOR THE NEW BIOTECHNOLOGY THAT YOU
25 WANT TO BRING TO THE COUNTY. WILL ANY OF THIS MONEY, THIS \$40

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1 MILLION BE USED FOR THAT TO CREATE FACILITIES FOR THAT NEW
2 INFRASTRUCTURE? BECAUSE YOU ALSO HAD ON YOUR AGENDA LAST YEAR
3 THAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR FACILITIES TO HELP IN TREATING
4 PEOPLE THAT WERE ELIGIBLE FOR RESITVISM PROGRAMS. AND YOU WERE
5 LOOKING FOR THOSE KIND OF FACILITIES. SO YOU HAVE \$40 MILLION
6 HERE. WHY NOT \$40 MILLION FOR THAT? WHY NOT \$40 MILLION FOR
7 HOUSING, FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING? NEVER MIND --

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP
10 PRENTICE JENKINS. NEXT WITNESS.

11

12 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, WAYNE FROM ENCINO. SO I LOVE THESE
13 NERVES. THESE TERMINOLOGY. SHORT-TERM REVOLVER LOAN. WELL,
14 THEY PROBABLY CALL IT THAT BECAUSE IT'S A REVOLVER. AND WHEN
15 IT GOES OFF, YEAH, RIGHT INTO YOUR FOOT IS WHERE IT GOES. WE
16 LIKE TO PLAY WITH BIG MONEY HERE AT THIS PLACE, AND THAT'S WHY
17 MITCHELL ENGLANDER WANTS TO BE HERE, BECAUSE HE KNOWS THIS IS
18 -- YOU PLAY WITH A LOT MORE MONOPOLY MONEY OVER HERE THAN THE
19 15 OVER AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CITY. YOU KNOW, THIS IS JUST
20 PLAY MONEY. IT'S JUST SEMANTICS. IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF BANKERS
21 SITTING AROUND CREATING NEW VOCABULARY AND NEWSPEAK JUST TO
22 CONFUSE EVERYBODY. THAT'S THE FUNNY THING ABOUT EDUCATION AND
23 OR WHAT GEORGE CARLIN CALLED EDCATION. EVERYBODY IS TALKING
24 ABOUT ALL THESE BIG WORDS. SHORT-TERM REVOLVER LOAN. WELL, I
25 COULD GO TO ANY UNIVERSITY AND I WOULD FIND 1 OUT OF 10,000

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1 PEOPLE THAT COULD SIT THERE AND TELL ME ON THE SPOT WHAT A
2 SHORT-TERM REVOLVER LOAN IS. NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THE HELL A
3 SHORT-TERM REVOLVER LOAN IS. IT SOUNDS LIKE A GUN, SO I GUESS
4 IT GOES OFF. I GUESS IT'S SHORT-TERM AND IT JUST GOES OFF,
5 LIKE LAPD'S REVOLVERS GO OFF ACCIDENTALLY. SO THIS JUST GOES
6 OFF. AND THEN ONCE IT GETS DEFAULTED ON, I'M SURE THEY HAVE A
7 LITTLE TINY BUCKET LIKE WHEN AL GORE RAN FOR PRESIDENT. YOU
8 HAVE THE LOCK BOX. YET SOMEWHERE IN THIS BUILDING THERE'S A
9 BOX AND IT'S GOT \$40 MILLION LOCKED IN IT. AND YOU'RE GOING TO
10 TAKE THAT BOX TODAY AND LOAD THE \$40 MILLION IN IT AND YOU'RE
11 GOING TO PUT IT UP THERE IN THE WALL SOMEWHERE LIKE A
12 MAUSOLEUM. YOU'RE GOING STICK IT IN THE WALL AND IT WILL BE IN
13 ONE OF THESE AREAS UP HERE. AND LATER ON WHEN IT DEFAULTS,
14 YOU'RE GOING TO CHISEL IT OUT OF THERE AND IT WILL BE
15 MAGICALLY THERE, RIGHT? THAT MONEY WILL BE GONE, GONE, GONE
16 FOREVER.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** BLATANT DISREGARD FOR A SMALL AMOUNT OF \$40
21 MILLION IS NOT A LOT OF CHUMP CHANGE TO BE THROWING AROUND FOR
22 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. BUT AS BOTH
23 SPEAKERS AND THE GENTLEMAN, MR. SPINDLER, POINTED OUT WAS THAT
24 A SHORT-TERM REVOLVER MAY LEAD TO SOME DRASTIC OVEREXPENSES
25 THAT CAN'T BE FOUND. SO MAYBE IT'S A FACT THAT WE SHOULD ALL

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1 GO BACK TO COLLEGE AND LEARN THE MYTHOLOGY BEHIND A INVOLVING
2 A REVOLVING OBLIGATION OF TRUST FUNDS AND FUNDING BALANCES FOR
3 OUR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS. AS WE ALL KNOW, MOST COMMUNITY
4 HOSPITALS ARE ALWAYS UNDER SHORT CHANGED. THAT'S WHY THE
5 PEOPLE ARE ON THE STREETS, THEY TOSS THEM OUT THE DOOR LIKE
6 REVOLVERS. THE CARTRIDGE, AS YOU SPIN IT, ONE GOES OUT, AS YOU
7 SPIN IT, ONE GOES OUT. THAT'S WHY I RECOMMEND WE VOTE NO FOR
8 MITCH ENGLANDER FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW
9 THAT MR. MITCH ENGLANDER HAS A FLAGRANT DISREGARD FOR
10 HOSPITALS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS. OTHERWISE THIS \$40
11 MILLION WOULD BE SPENT WISELY. BUT AS YOU KNOW, MR. MITCH
12 ENGLANDER WANTS TO BECOME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND USE THE
13 MONOPOLY DONORS AND THEIR PADDED WALLETS. SO VOTE NO FOR MITCH
14 ENGLANDER, WHO IS RUNNING FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR FOR THE FIFTH
15 DISTRICT, BECAUSE ANTONOVICH HAS DONE SUCH A GREAT JOB MAYBE
16 WE SHOULD RE-ELECT ANTONOVICH FOR A SHORT-TERM INTERIM
17 POSITION AGAIN. MAYBE WE CAN EXEND THE HOMELESS POPULATION
18 INTO BETTER HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOSPITALS THAT WILL TAKE
19 THEM WITHOUT THE DISREGARD OF FLAGRANT REVOLVERS.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

22

23 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** PRENTICE JENKINS I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY I AM
24 NOT NOR HAVE I EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. AND
25 I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY, HAVE YOU NO DECENCY? HAVE YOU NO

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1 DECENCY? REMEMBER THAT, JOE MCCARTHY? IS THAT WHAT THIS BOARD
2 IS TRYING TO BE LIKE, JOE MCCARTHY? YOU KNOW, MARTIN LUTHER
3 KING, THEY ALMOST HAD TO TEAR THAT HOSPITAL DOWN. ONLY BLACK
4 HOSPITAL. SAID IT WAS THE WORST THING IN THE FREAKING, IN THE
5 ENTIRE COUNTRY, MARTIN LUTHER KING. BUT I SAID TO MYSELF IF
6 YOU GO LOOK AT MANY OF THOSE BIG WHITE HOSPITALS, JOHN
7 HOPKINS, AND LOOK AT THE DEBT THAT THEY HAD AT THOSE
8 HOSPITALS, IT WOULD RIVAL THE ONES THAT THEY HAD AT MARTIN
9 LUTHER KING. BUT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS CALLED, WHAT DO THEY
10 CALL IT? THE GRIM REAPER. THAT'S WHERE YOU GO TO DIE. IS IT
11 THE SAME WAY WITH THE NEW HOSPITAL NOW? YOU'RE GOING TO
12 TRANSFER \$40 MILLION. GOD, I SHOULD HAVE RAN FOR SUPERVISOR.
13 ARE YOU KIDDING ME? YOU WOULD TRANSFER \$40 MILLION JUST LIKE
14 THAT WITH A WAVE OF A HAND, \$40 MILLION? MARTIN LUTHER KING
15 HAS \$40 MILLION. I'M NOT SAYING IT DOESN'T DESERVE IT. THE
16 HOSPITAL CAN GET \$40 MILLION. \$40 MILLION FOR MARTIN LUTHER
17 KING. IF IT WAS JOHN HOPKINS THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN
18 \$400 MILLION. BUT IT'S MARTIN LUTHER KING ,SO THEY WILL ONLY
19 GET \$40 MILLION. I'M NOT SNEEZING AT \$40 MILLION. MARTIN
20 LUTHER KING NEEDS \$40 MILLION. THE QUESTION IS WHAT DOES
21 MARTIN LUTHER KING NEED IT FOR? I'D SAY IF I WAS HEAD OF
22 MARTIN LUTHER KING, I'D SAY IT'S NOT YOUR BUSINESS WHAT WE
23 NEED IT FOR.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS? THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MOVE IT.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
5 SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. ITEM NO. 16. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

6

7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THIS ISSUE
8 DEALING WITH THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH CUBA AND
9 I WAS OPPOSING THE MOTION BECAUSE OF WHAT HAS OCCURRED WITH
10 THAT NORMALIZATION. AT THE TIME 12 MONTHS AGO THE PRESIDENT
11 CLAIMED THAT RARPROCHEMENT WITH THE CASTRO REGIME WOULD UPHOLD
12 AMERICANS' COMMITMENT TO LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY. HOWEVER, WHAT
13 WE FOUND IS QUITE THE OPPOSITE. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORTED
14 THAT NEARLY 1,500 POLITICAL ARRESTS OR ARBITRARY DETENTIONS OF
15 PEACEFUL HUMAN RIGHTS PROTESTORS OCCURRED JUST RECENTLY. AND
16 THAT WAS THE HIGHEST MONTHLY TALLY IN YEARS. MORE THAN DOUBLE
17 THE AVERAGE, 700 DETENTIONS PER MONTH RECORDED IN 2014. ON
18 DECEMBER 10TH, WHICH WAS INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, CUBAN
19 POLICE ARRESTED APPROXIMATELY 200 DISSIDENTS, IN MANY CASES
20 BEATING THOSE PRISONERS THEY SEIZED AS USUALLY THEY SEIZED ONE
21 OF THE MOST RESPECTED GROUPS WHICH CALLED LADIES IN WHITE, AN
22 ORGANIZATION OF WIFES, MOTHERS AND SISTERS OF JAILED
23 DISSIDENTS. THE WOMEN DRESSED IN WHITE ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEK.
24 THEN THEY WALK SILENTLY THROUGH THE STREETS TO PROTEST THE
25 GOVERNMENT'S LAWLESSNESS AND BRUTALITY. EVEN THE UNITED

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1 NATIONS CONDEMNED THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S EXTRAORDINARY DISDAIN
2 FOR CIVIL NORMS AND DEPLORED THE MANY HUNDREDS OF WARRANTLESS
3 ARRESTS IN RECENT WEEKS. PARTICULARLY DISGRACEFUL IS THAT WHEN
4 SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY WAS THERE FOR THE OPENING OF THE
5 U.S. EMBASSY, HE REFUSED TO INVITE ANY DISSIDENTS OR HUMAN
6 RIGHTS ADVOCATES TO THAT FLAG RAISING CEREMONY. "THE
7 WASHINGTON POST," THEY OBSERVED IN THEIR COLUMN THAT THIS WAS
8 A DISHONORABLE GESTURE OF APPEASEMENT TO THE HEMISPHERE'S
9 NASTIEST REGIME. I'M QUOTING FROM "THE WASHINGTON POST:" "IT'S
10 ALREADY A TIP OF THE HAT TO WHAT THE CASTROS SO VIVIDLY STAND
11 FOR, STATISM CONTROLLED AND MOVED BY FEAR.". SO THE ISSUES
12 RELATIVE TO THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY AND CIVIL RIGHTS WHEN THE
13 PRESIDENT WAS ASKED WHAT HAD OCCURRED SINCE THEY RECOGNIZED
14 THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, HIS INTERVIEW WITH YAHOO NEWS WAS HE
15 COULDN'T THINK OF ANY. MIGHT I SAY THAT THIS WAS PREMATURE AT
16 THE TIME? THEY HAVE TO PROVE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO OPEN UP
17 THEIR CHURCHES, THEIR SYNAGOGUES AND THEIR ABILITY TO PROTEST
18 TO ALL OF THE CITIZENS IN CUBA BEFORE WE HAVE THIS STRONG
19 RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM. SO I WOULD BE OPPOSING THE MOTION
20 THAT'S WRITTEN.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE SOME WITNESSES.
23 HERMAN HERMAN. WAYNE FROM ENCINO. ARNOLD SACHS. AND ALSO
24 PRENTICE JENKINS.

25

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SE OR ANTONOVICH ESTA CORRECTO. LA SOCIEDAD DE
2 CUBANOS ES UNA NACION DE TERRORISTAS DE QUE MUCHA DENEGRACION
3 DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS. NO TIENE NADA, NO NECISISTA NADA CON
4 CASTRO. CASTRO ES UN MATADOR. CASTRO ES UN TERRORISTA Y USTED
5 Y COMO OTROS NEGROS, OTROS LATINOS COMO USTED NO QUIEREN NADA
6 CON CASTRO. CASTRO ES LOCO. CASTRO MATARON PERSONAS QUE TIENE
7 ALGUN DERECHO. NO TIENE DERECHO EN CUBA PARA HABLAR, PARA
8 ASOCIAR, PARA VENDER, NADA. ES UNA ESTADO ESCLAVO. CUBA ESTA
9 UN ESTADO ESCLAVO COMUNISTA Y TERRORISTA. ELLOS NO QUIEREN
10 NADA. LOS CUBANOS EN FLORIDA, NO. LOS CUBANOS EN CONGRESO, NO.
11 SENOR ANTONOVICH ESTA CORRECTO. NO NECESITA NADA DE
12 NEGOCIACION O UNA NACION TERRORISTA. PERO EL PROBLEMA ES LOS
13 POLITICOS DE ESTADOS UNIDOS COMO HILDA SOLIS TIENEN Y VENDEN
14 SU RACISMO. VENDEN LOS LATINOS EN ESCLAVADOR POR ESCLAVOS.
15 COMO LOS NEGROS EN ESCLAVOS. CASTRO ES UNA VENDA, UN DUENO,
16 QUE ESCLAVOS. ES UN [EXPLITIVE.] NO QUIERE NADA. CUBA NO
17 QUIERE NADA CON ESTE PINCHE CUBA. NO NACION, NO ESCLAVADORES,
18 NADA.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE USING VULGAR LANGUAGE NOW. SO
21 PLEASE REFRAIN FROM THAT.

22

23 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAME SPEAKER, I BELIEVE HE'S USING
24 INTENSIFIERS TO ILLUSTRATE THE STUPIDITY OF PRESIDENT BARACK
25 OBAMA'S RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMACY WITH CUBA. I'M AN

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1 AMERICAN CITIZEN, MA'AM, BORN AND RAISED IN THE UNITED STATES,
2 REPRESENTING AMERICANS. SO IF MR. SPLINDLER'S TRUE WORDING ON
3 WHAT CUBA REPRESENTS FOR MYSELF AND NO ONE ELSE IS A VIOLATION
4 OF MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. HERE YOU GUYS ARE TALKING ABOUT
5 BRINGING A TERRORIST WHO TERRORIZES HIS OWN COUNTRYMEN AND
6 SAYING THAT LET'S HAVE A DIPLOMACY BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND
7 CUBA? LET'S STICK TO HOME GROUND. WHEN OBAMA MADE HIS DECISION
8 TO TAKE MY SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHT TO DEFEND MYSELF, TO BEAR
9 ARMS, HOW DARE HIM AND DARE ANY ONE OF US TAKE OUR RIGHT TO
10 DEFEND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM CUBA OR ANY CRAZY
11 COUNTRY WITH DICTATORSHIP, MR. MUSSOLINI. BECAUSE I KNOW MR.
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS NOT A DICTATOR, ALTHOUGH HE DID BUILD HIS
13 GARAGE INTO A LIVABLE HOME. AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS
14 TOPIC, THE SAME WAY PRESIDENT OBAMA, BARACK OBAMA HAS NOTHING
15 TO DO WITH CUBA HERE IN LOS ANGELES. BECOME AN AMERICAN
16 CITIZEN. TAKE YOUR STATUS AS A CUBAN HERE IN AMERICA AND YOU
17 ARE AN AMERICAN. BUT DON'T TAKE OUR RIGHTS AWAY. FIRST
18 AMENDMENT. 14TH AMENDMENT. AND THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS, MR.
19 BARACK OBAMA. THE MESSAGE IS THIS: WE THE PEOPLE, WE THE
20 PEOPLE -- AND AS MARTIN LUTHER KING SAID, I HAVE A DREAM. NO,
21 WE HAVE A DREAM. BECAUSE WE ARE THE PEOPLE. SO PLEASE DON'T
22 TAKE REGARD FOR MR. ANTONOVICH'S COMMENTS. HE OPPOSED, I
23 OPPOSED. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE AS LONG AS YOU WISH TO
24 BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN FIRST.

25

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

2

3 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** PRENTICE JENKINS, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991, "CITY
4 LIFE" NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER. AMERICA IS FRIENDS WITH GERMANY.
5 THE NAZIS MURDERED 6 MILLION PEOPLE, BURNED THEM IN OVENS,
6 CHILDREN. BUT WE'RE FRIENDS WITH THE GERMANS. THE JAPANESE
7 ENGAGED IN THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH. THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN
8 SOLDIERS DIED OVER THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH WE'RE FRIENDS WITH
9 THE JAPANESE. IT TOOK -- I WAS BORN IN 1959 WHEN CASTRO TOOK
10 OVER. ALL THOSE WHITE PRESIDENTS, NOT ONE MADE FRIENDS WITH
11 CUBA. IT TOOK THE BLACK PRESIDENT TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH CUBA.
12 ALL THOSE WHITE PRESIDENTS FROM, WHO WAS THERE, IKE TO THE
13 REST OF THEM, TO BUSH, NEVER MADE FRIENDS WITH CUBA. ONLY THE
14 BLACK PRESIDENT MADE FRIENDS WITH CUBA. WHAT DOES THAT TELL
15 YOU? WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU? IF WE HADN'T ELECTED A BLACK
16 PRESIDENT, THERE'D STILL BE NO RELATIONS WITH CUBA. YET, THEY
17 ALL BECAME FRIENDS WITH MURDEROUS REGIMES. THE JAPANESE WERE
18 VICIOUS PEOPLE. THEY CUT YOUR HEAD OFF. WE'RE FRIENDS WITH
19 THEM. WE'RE FRIENDS WITH VIETNAM. IT TOOK TO THE BLACK
20 PRESIDENT, AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN. MAKE SURE THE BLACK MAN'S
21 LISTENING, BECAUSE HE'S PRETENDING HE AIN'T. I REMEMBER HIM
22 WHEN HE WASN'T A COUNCILMAN. HE WAS TRYING TO BECOME A
23 COUNCILMAN. I WAS CLEANING UP THE CITY AFTER THE RIOTS. I
24 DIDN'T BURN IT UP. I WENT AND CLEANED IT UP. IT TOOK A BLACK
25 PRESIDENT, AND ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS, TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH

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1 CUBA. YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELF, WHY DID IT TAKE THIS LONG AND
2 TAKE A BLACK PRESIDENT TO DO IT?

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
7 AND IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE BOOK END TO A NOVEL OF THE ENDING
8 CHAPTER. HAVING GROWN UP ON THE EAST COAST, SOMEWHAT
9 FASCINATING. SOMEBODY MENTIONED HOW CASTRO TOOK OVER CUBA.
10 BASICALLY ELIMINATED -- HE FORCED ORGANIZED CRIME OUT OF CUBA.
11 AND FAST FORWARD A FEW YEARS, YOU GET THE CUBAN MISSILE
12 CRISIS. AND THE PEOPLE THAT WERE FORCED OUT OF CUBA KNEW THE
13 LUNACY OF THAT LEADERSHIP TO DEAL WITH ORGANIZED CRIME IN SUCH
14 A FASHION TO THROW THEM OFF THE ISLAND WITH ALL THE ASSETS
15 THAT THEY CONTROL. SO THEY WERE AWARE THAT THAT MAN WITH
16 NUCLEAR WEAPONS COULD CAUSE SOME SERIOUS DAMAGE ON THE EAST
17 COAST. NOT SO MUCH ON THE WEST COAST, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE
18 THE RAINS THAT THEY HAVE NOW. BUT ON THE EAST COAST, EVERY
19 CITY, WASHINGTON, MIAMI, PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, ALL THOSE
20 CITIES COULD BE TARGETS. PEOPLE GOT SCARED. THE PEOPLE THAT
21 COULD MOVE, MOVED, ESPECIALLY ORGANIZED CRIME. WHERE DID THEY
22 MOVE TO? THEY CAME OUT TO CALIFORNIA. YOU'D BE SURPRISED. THEY
23 FOUND THIS RICH ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY WERE FAR ENOUGH AWAY
24 FROM THE INSANITY TO JUST MOVE IN. SO MY POINT WOULD BE, NOW
25 THAT YOU'RE NORMALIZING RELATIONSHIPS, ARE THEY GOING TO MOVE

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1 BACK TO CUBA AND TAKE OVER THE ORGANIZED CRIME THAT USED TO BE
2 THEIR THRESHOLD? AND ALSO IN THE OPENINGS FOR CAR DEALERS..

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:**... WHO IMPORT OLD CARS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ANOTHER WITNESS, MARY JACOBS,
9 ON THIS ITEM.

10

11 **MARY JACOBS:** HI. OKAY. I REALLY DON'T LIKE JUST TO HEAR MYSELF
12 SPEAK. I'M SO TIRED OF HEARING OTHER PEOPLE WHO ONLY WANT TO
13 HEAR THEMSELVES SPEAK, BUT I DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND SAY, YES,
14 I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT OBAMA ON CUBA.
15 AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SAY THIS YET, BUT I THINK IT WAS
16 GREAT WHAT HE DID THIS MORNING WITH THE GUN LEGISLATION PLAN,
17 TOO. WELL, IT'S NOT LEGISLATION, BUT IT'S A DECLARATION OF OUR
18 RIGHT TO LIVE. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK MY SUPERVISOR SOLIS
19 FOR ALL THE HELP THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US. AND THERE ARE MANY
20 POSITIVE THINGS THAT YOU GUYS DO. WE HAVE 2-1-1. I HAVE AN
21 ADULT PROTECTIVE SOCIAL WORKER WHO IS HELPING ME DEAL WITH MY
22 PROBLEMS. WE HAVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT WAS RIGHT
23 THERE WHEN WE NEEDED HIM. THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD THINGS YOU
24 DO. AND I'M SO FED UP LISTENING TO THESE LITTLE BOYS TALK AND
25 TAKE TURNS. I'M SORRY, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE MORE TO DO WITH

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1 OUR LIVES THAN LISTEN TO A BUNCH OF PEOPLE CRITICIZING PEOPLE
2 WHO DO THEIR BEST. AND I KNOW YOU DO YOUR BEST AND I'M SO
3 PROUD TO BE PART OF L.A. COUNTY. I MEAN, I HAVE MY PROBLEMS
4 WITH YOU. OBVIOUSLY I'VE WAITED ALL THIS TIME TO COMPLAIN
5 ABOUT SOMETHING. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST AND YOU
6 CHANGE THINGS AND YOU'RE TRYING.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES NO. THIS IS MOVED BY SHEILA KUEHL,
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SOLIS. AND THE ROLL IS SUCH,
11 THREE, FOUR, TO ONE. IT PASSES. THANK YOU. FOUR, FOUR. ONE
12 VOTED NO. PASSES. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR SPECIAL ITEMS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WOULD YOU
15 JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.
16 NATALIE COLE, BORN FEBRUARY 6, 1950 IN LOS ANGELES AND SHE
17 PASSED ON DECEMBER 31 AT THE AGE OF 65. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER
18 OF THE LEGENDARY NAT KING COLE AND GREW UP IN A HOUSE FILLED
19 WITH MUSIC. REGULAR VISITORS SUCH AS LUMINARIES SUCH AS BILLIE
20 HOLIDAY, ELLA FITZGERALD, DUKE ELLINGTON, AND COUNT BASIE AND
21 MANY OF THEM REFERRED TO AS HER AUNT AND OR HER UNCLE. MS.
22 COLE'S MUSICAL CAREER BEGAN WHEN SHE WAS ASKED TO SING FOR A
23 FRIEND WHO BECAME ILL. SHE WORKING ON HER PRE-MED DEGREE AT
24 THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS WHEN SHE PUT HER EDUCATION
25 ASIDE TO JOIN THE R.&B. ROCK BAND KNOWN AS BLACK MAGIC IN THE

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1 1970S. SHE THEN VENTURED OUT ON HER OWN, AND IN 1976 SHE WON
2 THREE GRAMMY AWARDS. 1979 SHE WAS AWARDED A STAR ON THE
3 HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME. THEN IN 1987 AFTER OVERCOMING
4 STRUGGLES WITH DRUG ADDICTION, SHE RETURNED TO THE CHARTS WITH
5 HER ALBUM "EVERLASTING" AND FOUND EVEN GREATER SUCCESS WITH
6 HER ALBUM "UNFORGETTABLE WITH LOVE," WHICH INCLUDED THE
7 RECORDING OF HER FATHER SINGING HIS SIGNATURE HIT.
8 "UNFORGETTABLE" WON SIX GRAMMY AWARDS, INCLUDING ALBUM OF THE
9 YEAR. HER LATEST ALBUM, NATALIE COLE "EN ESPA OL," WAS
10 RELEASED IN 2013 AND IT WAS NOMINATED FOR A LATIN GRAMMY WARD.
11 OVER THE YEARS, MS. COLE MADE GUEST APPEARANCES AS AN ACTOR ON
12 MANY TELEVISION SERIES. MANY OF YOU KNOW OF HER PRESENCE. SHE
13 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN AN ACCOMPLISHED AND EXCEPTIONAL
14 R.&B.-JAZZ VOCALIST. SHE IS SURVIVED BY A HOST OF FAMILY,
15 FRIENDS, AND FANS. AND I ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME IN
16 ADJOURNING IN HER MEMORY.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OZELL SUTTON, BORN ON DECEMBER 13, 1925,
21 IN ARKANSAS AND PASSED ON DECEMBER 19TH AT THE AGE OF 90.
22 GRADUATED FROM PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE IN LITTLE ROCK,
23 ARKANSAS AND LATER SERVED IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS DURING
24 WORLD WAR TWO. HE BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN JOURNALIST
25 AT THE "ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT GAZETTE" AND WAS AMONG THE ACTIVISTS

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1 WHO SUPPORTED 9 AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS WHO SOUGHT TO
2 DESEGREGATE LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN 1957. SUTTON
3 MARCHED WITH THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN
4 SELMA, ALABAMA IN 1965 AND WAS PRESENT DURING THE
5 ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING IN 1968 IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THEN
6 BECAME SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE LATE GOVERNOR WINTHROP
7 ROCKEFELLER OF ARKANSAS. 1972 HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE
8 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE IN ATLANTA
9 AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S RACIAL AND ETHNIC
10 CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION EFFORTS. 1990, SUTTON
11 SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND
12 EXPLOITED CHILDREN. HE WORKED AS A MEDIATOR IN LOS ANGELES IN
13 THE AFTERMATH OF THE 1992 RIOTS AND JOINED REBUILD L.A., A
14 PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVE AIMED AT REBUILDING THE DAMAGED
15 SECTIONS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND SURROUNDING AREAS.
16 THEN IN 1994, HE RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM
17 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AFTER SERVING SOME 30
18 YEARS UPON HIS RETIREMENT IN 2003. MR. SUTTON SERVED AS THE
19 PRESIDENT, THE ALPHA PHI KAPPA, AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF ITS RACIAL
20 JUSTICE COMMITTEE, WHERE HE FOCUSED ON PREVENTING HOMOCIDE
21 DEATHS AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
22 DEDICATED CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER AND A WONDERFUL HUSBAND AND
23 FATHER. HE IS SURVIVED BY MANY FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS
24 OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMUNITY WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM.
25 ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF OZELL SUTTON. AND FINALLY, ALICE

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1 JOHNSON TAYLOR, WHO WAS BORN IN LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS AND
2 PASSED ON THE THIRD OF JANUARY, JUST TWO DAYS AGO. SHE
3 GRADUATED FROM A COLLEGE KNOWN AS WILEY IN TEXAS WITH A
4 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION AND EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE
5 IN EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE
6 TAUGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SCHOOLS IN LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 40
7 YEARS AND OFTEN PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FROM HER OWN
8 RESOURCES. SHE EARNESTLY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY TAUGHT AND
9 ADVOCATED FOR HER STUDENTS AND SERVED AS A ROLE MODEL FOR MANY
10 IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION. SHE RETIRED FROM L.A.U.S.D. HAVING
11 SERVED WITH DISTINCTION. SHE IS SURVIVED BY MANY FRIENDS AND
12 FAMILY, OBVIOUSLY, COLLEAGUES AND FORMER STUDENTS WHO WILL
13 MISS HER DEARLY. ALICE JOHNSON TAYLOR, MADAME CHAIR AND
14 COLLEAGUES.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN WE
19 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. GEORGE DIAMOND,
20 INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED CARDIOLOGIST WHO DIED ON SATURDAY,
21 DECEMBER 12TH AT THE AGE OF 74. HE WAS A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER
22 OF THE FULL-TIME STAFF OF CEDARS- SINAI DIVISION OF CARDIOLOGY
23 FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS. IN THE LATE 1960S AND EARLY 1970S HE WAS
24 PART OF A SMALL TEAM OF CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCHERS WHO CHANGED
25 THE WAY CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE WAS ASSESSED AND TREATED. AND

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1 IN 2004 HE WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD OF THE
2 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF
3 51 YEARS AND HIS DAUGHTERS NICOLE AND LISA. AND I ASK THAT
4 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MELVIN FEUER
5 PASSED AWAY ON MON DECEMBER 21ST AT THE AGE OF 92. THE
6 ATROCITIES OF THE HOLOCAUST INSPIRED MEL TO ENLIST IN THE U.S.
7 ARMY AIR CORPS IN 1942. HE WAS AWARDED AN AIR MEDAL WITH THREE
8 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE. A BALL TURRET
9 GUNNER, MR. FEUER WAS SHOT DOWN AND CAPTURED BY THE NAZIS, WHO
10 IMPRISONED HIM FOR A YEAR IN THE NOTORIOUS STALAG 17. A
11 MUSICAL PRODIGY, MR. FEUER PLAYED A WORN VIOLIN TO RAISE
12 MORALE AT THE CAMP. AFTER THE WAR, HE BECAME A LEADER IN
13 PUBLIC EDUCATION, SERVING AS A TEACHER AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
14 PRINCIPAL IN SAN BERNARDINO FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADES. LATER IN
15 HIS LIFE, HE TRAINED EDUCATORS AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY AND
16 VOLUNTEERED AT THE MAPLE COUNSELING CENTER. HE'S SURVIVED BY
17 HIS WIFE, STELLA, AND HIS SONS, ONE OF WHOM IS A GOOD FRIEND
18 OF OURS, MICHAEL FEUER. HIS OTHER SONS, ROBERT AND STEVEN.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL MEMBERS.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ALL MEMBERS. THANK YOU. AND I MOVE THAT
23 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WAYNE ROGERS,
24 WHO PORTRAYED THE WISE- CRACKING ARMY SURGEON TRAPPER JOHN MC
25 INTYRE IN THE FIRST THREE SEASONS OF T.V.'S M*A*S*H HE DIED ON

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1 DECEMBER 31ST AT THE AGE OF 82. HIS POST-M*A*S*H CREDITS
2 INCLUDED PLAYING HIMSELF IN "THE LARRY SANDERS SHOW," A
3 RECURRING CHARACTER ON "MURDER SHE WROTE," AND SOUTHERN
4 POVERTY LAW CENTER COFOUNDER MORRIS DEES IN "GHOSTS OF
5 MISSISSIPPI." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND WIFE, AMY HIRSH
6 ROGERS, AND HIS SON BILL AND HIS DAUGHTER LAURA. AND I ASK
7 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EVE ROOVE
8 WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 23RD AT THE AGE OF 98. SHE MOVED
9 TO L.A. FROM CANADA IN 1932, DURING WORLD WAR TWO SERVED AT AN
10 ARMY BASE NEAR SAN LOUIS OBISPO AND AFTER THE WAR MARRIED DR.
11 LEON ROOVE, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF MEDICINE AT THE WEST LOS
12 ANGELES V.A. HOSPITAL. SHE WAS COMMITTED THROUGHOUT HER LIFE
13 TO LIBERAL POLICIES AND POLITICS OF THE NEW DEAL AND TO SOCIAL
14 JUSTICE CAUSES. SHE VOLUNTEERED FOR MANY YEARS AT THE
15 U.C.L.A. REAGAN HOSPITAL AND AS A GREETER AT THE SKIRBALL
16 CULTURAL CENTER. SERVED FOR MORE THAN FIVE DECADES AS A MEMBER
17 OF THE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE IN LOS ANGELES.
18 SHE WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF LEO BAECK TEMPLE AND LATER JOINED
19 TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD OVERSEEN BY HER SON RABBI JOHN
20 ROOVE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY TWO SONS, RABBI JOHN ROOVE AND DR.
21 MICHAEL ROOVE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MURRAY WEISSMAN, A VETERAN HOLLYWOOD
23 PUBLICIST WHO WORKED ON OSCAR CAMPAIGNS FOR SUCH FILMS AS
24 "DANCES WITH WOLVES" AND "SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE," DIED AT THE
25 AGE OF 90. SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING WORLD WAR TWO. WORKED AS

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1 A PUBLICIST FOR A.B.C. AND C.B.S. AND THEN BEGAN PROMOTING
2 MOVIES. IN 1975, HE OVERSAW UNIVERSAL'S RELEASE OF "JAWS." IN
3 THE 1990S, HE BEGAN SPECIALIZING IN AWARDS CAMPAIGNS AND
4 REPRESENTED DOZENS OF BEST PICTURE OSCAR CONTENDERS ALONG WITH
5 T.V. SERIES SUCH AS "BREAKING BAD" AND "MAD MEN." WEISSMAN WAS
6 NOMINATED FOR PUBLICIST OF THE YEAR BY THE PUBLICIST GUILD OF
7 AMERICA. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KAY, AND HIS CHILDREN
8 BENJAMIN AND JULIE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
9 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HASKELL WEXLER, A GREATLY INFLUENTIAL
10 CINEMATOGRAPHER AND DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER. HE WON OSCARS FOR
11 HIS WORK IN BOTH ARENAS AND JUST DIED AT THE AGE OF 93. HE
12 RECEIVED OSCARS FOR HIS WORK IN "WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA
13 WOLF," "BOUND FOR GLORY," "DAYS OF HEAVEN", AND "INTERVIEWS
14 BY LAI VETERANS." HE HAD A STRONG POLITICAL CONVICTION THAT
15 OFTEN FOUND THEIR WAY INTO HIS WORK. HE DREW NATIONAL
16 ATTENTION FOR WRITING, DIRECTING AND PRODUCING "MEDIUM COOL,"
17 THE GROUNDBREAKING 1969 FILM THAT BLENDED FICTION WITH THE
18 REALITY OF THE 1968 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION. HE MADE
19 SEVERAL DOCUMENTARIES WITH POLITICAL THEMES, INCLUDING
20 "INTRODUCTION TO THE ENEMY," SHOT IN VIETNAM WITH JANE FONDA,
21 "NO NUKES," AND "TARGET NICARAGUA: INSIDE A COVERT WAR." HE
22 ALSO WROTE, DIRECTED AND COPRODUCED THE FEATURE FILM "LATINO"
23 AND SHOT THE MICHAEL MOORE SATIRE "CANADIAN BACON." HE'S SO
24 WELL KNOWN FOR DEVELOPING A NUMBER OF NEW CINEMATOGRAPHY
25 TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING DRAMATIC USE OF LIGHTING AND SPECIAL

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1 KINDS OF FILM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RITA WEXLER, AND HIS
2 CHILDREN, KATHY, JEFFREY AND MARK. AND FINALLY I MOVE THAT
3 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GEORGE CLAYTON
4 JOHNSON, SCIENCE FICTION WRITER WHO DIED ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT
5 THE AGE OF 86. HIS EARLY WORK CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF ROD
6 SERLING, WHO CHOSE TO DEVELOP ONE OF HIS SHORT STORIES FOR HIS
7 BRAND NEW SERIES, "THE TWILIGHT ZONE." JOHNSON ALSO WROTE
8 EARLY EPISODES OF THE "STAR TREK" TV SERIES AS WELL AS THE
9 NOVEL "LOGAN'S RUN," WHICH WAS LATER MADE INTO A FEATURE FILM.
10 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LOLA, JOHNSON, HIS CHILDREN,
11 JUDITH, OLIVE, AND PAUL JOHNSON. THANK YOU.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, I MOVE
16 TODAY WE MOVE IN MEMORY, ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BRUCE ROBERT
17 BUELL, A SON OF DEAR FRIENDS BOB AND MARY BUELL OF CERRITOS AS
18 HE PASSED AWAY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 63 SURROUNDED BY HIS
19 FAMILY AFTER A COURAGEOUS THREE-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER. BORN
20 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WAS A FORMER RAILROAD CONDUCTOR WITH
21 UNION PACIFIC, WAS A LOVING SON, HUSBAND, FATHER AND BROTHER.
22 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARY JEAN, PARENTS, BOB AND MARY,
23 BROTHER KEVIN, SEVEN CHILDREN, AND 21 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO
24 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. TRULY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
25 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALICE LOUISE ARTHUR, MOTHER

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1 OF TWO VERY GOOD FRIENDS, JOANNE AND BOB ARTHUR. PASSED AWAY
2 ON JANUARY 2ND. A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. SHE AND HER HUSBAND,
3 JOHN, MOVED TO CALIFORNIA FROM INDIANA. HAD LIVED IN THE SAME
4 HOUSE SINCE 1953. SHE ATTENDED ST. CYPRIAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH,
5 LOVED TO PLAY BRIDGE, COLLECT ANTIQUES AND DECANTER BOTTLES
6 FROM JIM BEAN AND SPEND TIME WITH HER FAMILY. SHE'S SURVIVED
7 BY HER THREE CHILDREN, JOANN, BOB, RICK, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN,
8 FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY
9 AND FRIENDS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN PARKIN, A LONG
10 BEACH RESIDENT AND PETROLEUM ENGINEER WHO PASSED AWAY ON
11 DECEMBER 18TH AT THE AGE OF 89. BORN IN RHODE ISLAND. AFTER
12 GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL WAS DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY DURING
13 WORLD WAR TWO. MARRIED HELEN, HIS WIFE OF 55 YEARS, GRADUATED
14 FROM THE BERKELEY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING. HIS FIRST JOB WAS
15 WITH SIGNAL OIL COMPANY AND THEN MANY YEARS WITH THE CITY OF
16 LONG BEACH. HE, ALONG WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS, HELPED SAVE
17 LONG BEACH FROM SINKING AND TURNED OIL INTO A MAJOR REVENUE
18 PRODUCER FOR THE CITY. LOVED TO SKI. LOVED TO DEEP-SEA FISH.
19 HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY
20 HIS BROTHER BOB, A FORMER JUDGE. AND FOUR CHILDREN, LISA,
21 DENNIS, CHARLIE AND JOHNNY AND THEIR SPOUSES, 12 GRANDCHILDREN
22 AND ONE GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER. CHARLIE IS THE LONG BEACH CITY
23 PROSECUTOR. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND
24 BILL KINTNER, THE REVEREND BILL KINTNER, EXCUSE ME, WHO PASSED
25 AWAY PEACEFULLY ON JANUARY 3RD FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS.

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1 SERVED AS A MINISTER OF THE ARTESIA FIRST UNITED METHODIST
2 CHURCH FOR MANY YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, COLLEEN,
3 AND SON, CHRIS. I REMEMBER PASTOR FROM HIS DAYS DURING THE
4 CERRITOS AIR CRASH BACK IN 1996 WALKING THE STREETS TO TALK TO
5 PEOPLE ABOUT THE DEVASTATION. HE ALSO HELPED PLAN THE VERY
6 IMPORTANT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE CITY AND THE VICTIMS. ALSO
7 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARILYN "JO" MCCAMAN, WHO PASSED
8 AWAY ON DECEMBER 16TH AT THE AGE OF 88. SHE'LL BE GREATLY
9 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MY
10 GOOD FRIEND BOB, ALONG WITH MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT
11 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOE VARELA, PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER
12 22ND, WAS A RESIDENT OF NORWALK AND A PARTNER IN MELCO STEEL.
13 HE AND HIS WIFE, ALICE, WERE MARRIED FOR OVER 60 YEARS. HE'S
14 SURVIVED BY ALICE, TWO SONS, DENNIS AND EMILE, AND FOUR GRAND
15 DAUGHTERS AND ONE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER. TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY
16 AND FRIENDS. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DEBRA
17 MICHELLE PALMER, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON DECEMBER 26TH
18 AT THE AGE OF 60. BORN IN WHITTIER AND LIVED AN INCREDIBLY
19 FULL, LOVE-FILLED LIFE. SHE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED INTERIOR
20 DESIGNER AND COFOUNDER OF PALMER AND PECCEL'S INTERIORS. HER
21 FAMILY WAS ALWAYS HER PRIMARY FOCUS. SHE DEDICATED HER LIFE TO
22 ENSURING THEIR JOY AND COMFORT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HUSBAND,
23 MICHAEL, DAUGHTERS ALEXANDRA AND MARA, AND GREAT-
24 GRANDDAUGHTER, MILA. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER.
25 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH?

4

5 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN
6 MEMORY OF GOOD FRIEND ROBERT DE KRUIF WHO PASSED AWAY DECEMBER
7 DECEMBER 30TH, 97 YEARS OLD. BEGAN HIS CAREER AT H.F. AHMANSON
8 AND EVENTUALLY ROSE TO BE A BOARD MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE OF THE
9 COMPANY. FROM 1974 UNTIL HIS DEATH HE SERVED AS TRUSTEE AND
10 TRUSTEE EMERITUS OF THE AHMANSON FOUNDATION. HIS WAS A VERY
11 VITAL LEADERSHIP ROLE HE PLAYED IN BRINGING THE SPACE SHUTTLE
12 ENDEAVOUR TO THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER AT EXPOSITION PARK.
13 JUST RECENTLY, HIS WONDERFUL WIFE, JEAN, PASSED AWAY AND NOW
14 BOB. HE LEAVES HIS FOUR CHILDREN, BUT HE WAS A GOOD COMMUNITY
15 LEADER, A GOOD FRIEND. ANOTHER MAN WHO'S DONE A WONDERFUL JOB
16 IN HELPING OUR FOSTER YOUTH, OUR EMANCIPATED YOUTH, ROBERT
17 KETCH, PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 2ND. HE WAS THE EXECUTIVE
18 DIRECTOR OF FIVE ACRES, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO
19 PROVIDING SERVICES FOR ORPHANED, ABUSED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN
20 FOR THE PAST 34 YEARS. HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL
21 VALLEY BUT ALSO IN ASSOCIATIONS DEALING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE THAT
22 THEY DEAL WITH. FORMER JUDGE HONORABLE MARION E. GUBLER PASSED
23 AWAY ON DECEMBER 10TH AT THE AGE OF 85. SERVED IN THE KOREAN
24 WAR. GRADUATED UNIVERSITY OF UTAH AND WAS A CLERK FOR UTAH
25 SUPREME COURT JUSTICE J. ALLEN CROCKETT BEFORE HE BECAME A

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1 LAWYER IN BURBANK AND THEN APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN
2 TO THE COURT. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 JUDGES ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT OF THE BURBANK NOON ROTARY
4 ROTARY. AND THEN IN GLENDALE, WHERE HE LIVED FOR THE PAST 54
5 YEARS. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DORIS, AND THEIR SIX
6 CHILDREN. ONE OF THE GREAT LEADERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, A
7 MAN WHO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO HIS COMMUNITY, WAS CLYDE BAILEY,
8 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 99. HE WAS THE HEAD AIRCRAFT
9 MECHANIC FOR N.A.C.A., THE FORERUNNER OF N.A.S.A., AND WORKED
10 ON THE X-1 PROJECT, WHICH LATER NAMED IT EDWARDS AIR FORCE
11 BASE. HE REPRESENTED THERE FOR SENATORS NEWT RUSSELL AND DON
12 ROGERS. HE SERVED ON SEVERAL AIRPORT DIRECTORSHIPS AND HELPED
13 START THE EDWARDS AIR FORCE FLIGHT MUSEUM. HE WAS ALSO A
14 COMMISSIONER THAT I HAD APPOINTED. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY
15 HIS WONDERFUL WIFE, MILDRED, OF 72 YEARS AND THEIR SON,
16 BERKELEY. NOW HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS SANDRA AND
17 HEATHER. ANOTHER OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL, WAYNE ANDERSON,
18 FORMER PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE ARIZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
19 BUT PRIOR TO THAT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80, SERVED IN THE
20 UNITED STATES ARMY, ATTENDED THE THUNDERBIRD SCHOOL OF GLOBAL
21 MANAGEMENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ARIZONA INVESTMENT COUNCIL,
22 ARIZONA ECONOMIC FOREIGN BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LIFE MEMBER OF
23 THE FIESTA BOWL. HE WAS PRESIDENT AND ELDER OF THE REDEEMER
24 LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SCOTTSDALE AND COFOUNDER OF THE LUTHERAN
25 SCHOOLS OF AMERICA AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE EVANGELICAL

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1 LUTHERAN SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HE WAS ALSO AN EXECUTIVE AT
2 NABISCO, WHERE I FIRST MET WAYNE WHEN I SERVED IN THE STATE
3 LEGISLATURE AND HE WAS REPRESENTING NABISCO AT THE STATE
4 LEVEL. AND THEN LATER HE LEFT CALIFORNIA AND MOVED TO ARIZONA,
5 WHERE HE BECAME THE C.E.O. OF THEIR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND
6 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JOAN, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN.
7 ANOTHER OUTSTANDING LEADER IN THE PASADENA WOODLANDS AREA,
8 GIANNY LUCARELLI, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79. HE WAS A
9 DEDICATED VOLUNTEER AT VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING ST.
10 PETERS ITALIAN CHURCH. SAN TRIPHONE SOCIETY, UNICO ITALIAN
11 CATHOLIC FEDERATION, VILLA SCALABRINI, CASA ITALIANA, ALSO
12 VOLUNTEER ON PATROL FOR THE ARCADIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS
13 VERY ACTIVE IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND A LEADER IN HIS
14 NEIGHBORHOOD. HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FUNDRAISING AND SERVICES
15 WERE REPEATEDLY RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS
16 ANGELES, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE RED CROSS, THE KNIGHTS
17 OF MALTA, AND THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
18 WIFE, STACEY, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. JAQUELINE ORRICE
19 MARLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE WAS A ROCKET RESEARCH
20 LIBRARIAN FOR THE MARTIN COMPANY'S TITAN PROJECT IN DENVER,
21 COLORADO. SHE THEN WORKED AS A COORDINATOR FOR THE RIVERSIDE
22 CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MANAGER OF THE OJAI CHAMBER OF
23 COMMERCE AND OFFICE MANAGER FOR A PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE
24 PROVIDER IN AGOURA HILLS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, BUD,
25 WHO WAS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOLS. AND HER TWO

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1 STEPSONS. JIM COLE, LIFELONG MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
2 HIS CAREER WAS AS PROPRIETOR OWNER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
3 LAND, INCORPORATED, AND HE WAS A BUSINESSMAN FOR OVER 45 YEARS
4 LOCALLY THERE. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CHARLENE, AND THEIR FIVE
5 CHILDREN. ARTHUR BERTOLERO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91 ON
6 DECEMBER 11TH. VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD
7 WAR TWO. RECOGNIZED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AS
8 VETERAN OF THE YEAR AND HONORED AT THE STATE CAPITOL. HE
9 SERVED ALSO AS PRESIDENT OF THE OAKLAND -- ASSOCIATION AND
10 DIRECTOR OF THE BERKELEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MEMBERS OF THE
11 VETERAN OF FOREIGN WAR, AMERICAN LEGION, THE ITALIAN
12 BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, BOY SCOUT MASTER FOR EIGHT YEARS AND IS
13 SURVIVED BY HIS WONDERFUL WIFE AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. RAYMOND
14 ANTHONY RODENO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. WORLD WAR TWO
15 NAVY VETERAN. HE WAS A NAVY LIEUTENANT, WORKED FOR ALLSTATE
16 INSURANCE, RETIRING AS A C.E.O., PRESIDENT OF ALLSTATE SAVINGS
17 BANK IN GLENDALE. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE MEMBERS OF THE
18 ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND
19 THE HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PLANNED-GIVING DEPARTMENT.
20 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN. WILLIAM ODOM PASSED AWAY
21 ON MARCH 1ST. HE HAD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, WORKED
22 WITH ME ON THE STATE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ACTIVE
23 MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, AND WAS A VOLUNTEER AT THE
24 MEALS ON WHEELS ORGANIZATION, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DONNA, AND
25 THEIR THREE SONS. LETICIA NEMITH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 25. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO
2 THE PAID LEAVE MANAGEMENT UNIT. DR. PAUL LEVINE. LONGTIME
3 RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, SERVED THE UNITED STATES
4 NAVY AS A GENERAL MEDICAL OFFICER, A CERTIFIED CARDIOLOGIST,
5 AUTHOR OF TWO TEXTBOOKS, WORKED ON OVER 100 PATENT DEVICES AND
6 A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER AT THE WELL-RENOWNED PLACERITA CANYON
7 NATURE CENTER. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SISTER, AND
8 THREE CHILDREN. BEDELIA LEON, A LONGTIME RESIDENT AT THE
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE WAS A
10 COSTUME DESIGNER IN HOLLYWOOD, SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER AND
11 TWO SONS. ROBERT "BOB" FRANCIS GIBLIN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
12 SANTA CLARITA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. SERVED IN THE
13 UNITED STATES NAVY BEFORE A 31-YEAR CAREER IN EDUCATION, IN
14 WHICH OVER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION
15 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AS AN EDUCATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR,
16 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. WAYNE MINSER,
17 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
18 84. HE WAS AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER FOR OVER 20 YEARS AT
19 MARQUARDT, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SHIRLEY, AND THEIR TWO
20 CHILDREN, KAREN AND CARL. AND EARL SMYTHE PASSED AWAY AT THE
21 AGE OF 92 ON DECEMBER 29TH. HE WAS A WEATHER OBSERVER DURING
22 WORLD WAR TWO, A GRADUATE OF U.S.C. AND C.P.A. AND C.F.A. AT
23 PACIFIC FINANCE IN GLENDALE FEDERAL, SURVIVED BY HIS TWO
24 CHILDREN. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK, AND THIS
25 HAS THE SUPPORT OF OUR DIRECTOR OF MARSHA MAYEDA ANIMAL

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1 CONTROL. "ON SEPTEMBER 8, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTED
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE C.E.O. TO PURSUE AN
3 AGREEMENT WITH THE COALITION FOR PETS IN PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE
4 DONATION OF A NEW MOBILE SPAY/ NEUTER VEHICLE VALUED AT
5 APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 AND HALF THE OPERATING ANNUAL COST TO
6 OPERATE THE CLINIC. SO DURING THOSE NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAD
7 TAKEN PLACE, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THIS IS FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA,
8 THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND
9 CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A SOLE- SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH THE
10 COALITION OF PETS AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO RECEIVE THE \$500,000
11 MULTIPLE SPAY/NEUTER VEHICLE AND TO RECEIVE THE DONATION AND
12 TO OPERATE THE SPAY NEUTER SERVICES. SO THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK.
13 AND THEN IF I COULD CALL UP ROBIN KAY, PUBLIC HEALTH, I MEAN,
14 MENTAL HEALTH. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU RELATIVE TO THE EFFORTS OF
15 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT WHICH ARE TO ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S
16 EXISTING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM, ARE
17 THERE ANY PROPOSALS TO ALTER THE WAY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES'
18 FUNDING IS DIRECTED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE A
19 DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON OUR EFFORTS TO TREAT THE MENTALLY ILL?

20

21 **ROBIN KAY:** SO, I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR, THAT YOU MAY BE
22 REFERENCING THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT OCCURRED YESTERDAY.

23

24 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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1 **ROBIN KAY:** WITH VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE, STATE
2 LEGISLATURE. AND WE ARE LOOKING AT THE PROPOSAL. IT HAS YET TO
3 BE RELEASED IN ITS ENTIRETY. AND SO IT WILL BE INCUMBENT UPON
4 THE DEPARTMENT AND THE C.E.O. AND OTHERS TO REVIEW THAT
5 PROPOSAL ONCE WE HAVE THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE.

6

7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO WE WOULD ENSURE AND I WOULD SAY
8 COMMUNICATING WITH THE AUTHOR THAT IT WOULD NOT IMPACT OUR
9 OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THAT WE ARE
10 PURSUING. AND ALSO THERE'S THE NEED THAT TREATMENT HAS TO BE A
11 COMPONENT. SO THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE THE NECESSARY
12 TREATMENT, MEDICAL TREATMENT SO THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME A
13 NORMAL PRODUCTIVE LIFE. SO TO SHARE THOSE CONCERNS WITH THE
14 AUTHOR WOULD BE IMPORTANT AND TO KEEP US APPRISED AS THE
15 LEGISLATION MOVES THROUGH THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

16

17 **ROBIN KAY:** CERTAINLY. AS WE BECOME MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT
18 WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSALS, ONE OF THE THINGS WE'LL
19 LOOK AT IS THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO
20 FOSTER, TO PURSUE THE MISSION OF ENSURING THAT PEOPLE WITH
21 MENTAL ILLNESS ARE SERVED, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE HOMELESS.

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH
24 SERVICES ACT, IS THAT INTENDED FOR HOUSING SERVICES, OR WAS IT
25 INTENDED TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL ONLY?

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2 **ROBIN KAY:** THE ANSWER TO THAT, SUPERVISOR, IS THAT THE -- LET
3 ME JUST SAY IT CONTAINS PROVISIONS ARE FOR BOTH CAPITAL
4 DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AS WELL
5 AS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. AND ONE
6 OF THE MAJOR EMPHASES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT IS ON
7 THE FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP, WHICH ENSURES WRAPAROUND
8 SERVICES, REPORTED SERVICES IN HOUSING FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE THE
9 MOST IMPAIRED.

10

11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE HAVE A REPORT BACK MAYBE IN
12 30 DAYS ON THE CURRENT PLANNED PROGRAMS FUNDED BY MENTAL
13 HEALTH SERVICES ACT, INCLUDING ANY IMPACTS THAT COULD IMPACT
14 THAT? I'D APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE A COMMENT, ACTUALLY. I ATTENDED THE
17 PRESS EVENT YESTERDAY WITH SENATORS. IT WAS A BIPARTISAN
18 ATTEMPT BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORANGE COUNTY, SENATORS FROM
19 AROUND THE STATE, AS WELL AS PREVIOUS PRO TEM DARRELL
20 STEINBERG, WHO CARRIED PROPOSITION 62, I BELIEVE -- 63 ON THIS
21 WHOLE ISSUE OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT
22 IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTIES LIKE OURS, WHERE POSSIBLY \$2
23 BILLION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING. BUT OBVIOUSLY
24 EVERYTHING HAS TO INCLUDE ASSISTANCE, WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR
25 MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS. AND I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT MOVES

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1 IN THE SAME DIRECTION THAT THIS BOARD HAS BEEN MOVING, TO TRY
2 TO EXPAND THOSE SERVICES. AND CERTAINLY BEING ABLE TO DRAW
3 DOWN ON ANOTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING WITHOUT HURTING THE INTENT
4 OF THE PROPOSITION, I THINK, IS THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I KNOW
5 WE'RE GOING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DETAILS. IT'S A
6 COMPETITIVE PROCESS, GRANTS THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. BUT
7 I'M CERTAIN BECAUSE THE PRO TEM KEVIN DE LE N STATED THAT L.A.
8 HAS THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF HOMELESS, THAT OBVIOUSLY THIS
9 AREA WOULD STAND TO BENEFIT. SO I FEEL VERY CONFIDENT IN
10 WORKING WITH OUR SENATORS THERE. SENATOR HOLLY MITCHELL WAS
11 THERE. MANY OF OUR FRIENDS THAT HAVE BEEN HELPING US
12 LEGISLATIVELY ON THESE ISSUES. SO I DO WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR
13 OFFICES TO BE VERY INVOLVED. AND I EXPECT SOME OF US MIGHT
14 EVEN BE UP THERE TO TESTIFY. YES SENATOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. ONCE A SENATOR.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M PUTTING ON MY OLD HAT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ONCE A SENATOR, ALWAYS A SENATOR. SENATOR
21 SOLIS, SENATOR KUEHL. SO I THINK IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT
22 SENATOR STEINBERG HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO ACTIVATE MORE
23 RESOURCES THAT SPEAK TO THE MATTER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AT
24 THE VERY TIME THAT THIS BOARD WAS CONTEMPLATING BRINGING FORTH
25 ITS ESSENTIALLY GROUNDBREAKING INITIATIVE THAT SUPERVISOR

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1 KUEHL ADVANCED IN TERMS OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGENDA, THAT
2 WAS THE VERY TIME THAT WE BEGAN TO RECEIVE CALLS FROM SENATOR
3 STEINBURG SAYING, YOU KNOW, THERE MAY BE A POTENTIAL -- THIS
4 IS OCTOBER OR SO. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE THE
5 ASSETS THAT FLOW FROM PROPOSITION 63. IN OTHER WORDS, RATHER
6 THAN ALLOWING THEM TO BE STATIC, CAN WE LEVERAGE THEM IN A WAY
7 THAT WE CAN CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITY, VALUE-ADDED SCENARIOS?
8 WELL, I THINK NOW WHAT WE HAVE IS SENATOR DE LEON SAYING THAT
9 IDEA HAS MERIT. NOW, IT HAS TO BE SAID THAT IT IS NOT FULLY
10 VETTED AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME. BUT IN LIGHT OF THE
11 FACT THAT THERE'S AN INTEREST IN PUNCTUATING LEADERSHIP WITH
12 RESPECT TO ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN THE STATE OF
13 CALIFORNIA AND MOST SPECIFICALLY IN ITS MOST POPULOUS AREA,
14 NAMELY LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I SEE THIS AS A GOOD STEP TOWARD
15 OUR DOING MORE RATHER THAN LESS. WE HAVE TO BE VERY ATTENTIVE,
16 MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, VERY ASSERTIVE TO GET
17 OUR ARMS AROUND THIS CRISIS. WE HAVE LOST SIGNIFICANT GROUND,
18 IN MY VIEW. AND NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO RUN AS FAST AS WE
19 CAN, TO BE AS CREATIVE AS WE CAN, TO BE AS PRUDENT AS WE CAN
20 IN THE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES. BUT I THINK A LOT CAN BE DONE.
21 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AND
22 COLLABORATION WITH MENTAL HEALTH TO HELP FIGURE OUT HOW WE
23 LAND ON THIS, BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S A LOT HERE THAT CAN BE
24 DONE. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I AGREE WITH
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT WE ALWAYS WANT TO BE AWARE OF WHAT
3 MONEY IS BEING USED FOR THAT WE WOULD HAVE USED PERHAPS FOR
4 SOMETHING ELSE. BUT I WAS THINKING AS HE WAS SPEAKING ABOUT
5 THE TESTIMONY OF THE CLIENT FROM THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER
6 TODAY AND HOW AN ASPECT OF HER SANITY WAS HER ROOM, THE
7 ABILITY TO HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP. AND I WAS THINKING ABOUT --
8 AND A PLACE TO LOCK YOURSELF. AND YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN PLACE,
9 EXACTLY, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND I THINK THAT WE KIND OF
10 UNDERESTIMATE TO SOME EXTENT HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MENTAL
12 HEALTH SERVICES ON A SIDEWALK AND THEN KIND OF WALK AWAY. IT'S
13 SOMETHING WE TRY TO DO WITH OUTREACH TEAMS. WE TRY TO GET
14 PEOPLE IN TO TALK. BUT REALLY AT THE END OF THE DAY, I THINK
15 WHAT DARREL SAID EARLY WHEN HE WAS FIRST THINKING ABOUT WHAT
16 TO PUT IN PROP 63, HE POINTED OUT, PART OF THAT WAS FOR
17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AS A RECOGNITION. AND WE HAD A LONG TALK,
18 ACTUALLY, BEFORE IT WENT ON THE BALLOT, ABOUT THE SAFETY
19 ASPECT OF JUST BEING A PLACE WHERE YOU FEEL SAFE IN ORDER,
20 THEN, TO GET TREATMENT. SO I THINK THIS IS ACTUALLY A VERY
21 IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT THE COUNTY WANTS TO DO FOR ITS
22 POPULATION.

23

24 **ROBIN KAY:** I COULDN'T AGREE MORE, SUPERVISOR. AND ACTUALLY I
25 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE

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1 BOARD, THIS COUNTY HAS COMMITTED, IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL
2 \$115 MILLION OF CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH
3 MENTAL ILLNESS, WHEN WE HAVE HAD AN ADDITIONAL INFUSION OF
4 M.H.S.A. DOLLARS, THIS BOARD HAS SUPPORTED THE DEPARTMENT AND
5 THE STAKEHOLDERS IN SENDING ADDITIONAL MONEY TO CAL H.F.A. FOR
6 ADDITIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT. AND NOW THAT ORIGINAL
7 INVESTMENT OF \$115 MILLION HAS GROWN, INCLUDING \$17-1/2
8 MILLION SENT TO CAL H.F.A. IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS TO CONTINUE
9 THAT PROCESS OF DEVELOPING HOUSING ON AN ONGOING BASIS.
10 ADMITTEDLY THE FUNDING THAT WE HAVE BEEN SENDING FOR THAT
11 PURPOSE PALES IN COMPARISON WITH THE SIZE OF THE PROPOSED
12 INVESTMENT.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OF COURSE THAT'S FOR THE WHOLE STATE.

15

16 **ROBIN KAY:** SURE.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK OUR JOB WILL BE TO PULL DOWN AS
19 MUCH OF IT AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. BUT IT'S A GREAT WAY TO
20 LEVERAGE. HE'S A VERY INNOVATIVE MAN AND I REALLY RESPECT THE
21 THOUGHT THAT HE'S PUT INTO THESE SERVICES. THANK YOU, MADAME
22 CHAIR.

23

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE SOME WITNESSES TO
2 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, PRENTICE JENKINS, HERMAN HERMAN, WAYNE
3 SPINDLER, AND ERIC PREVEN.

4

5 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** HELLO AGAIN. [SINGING] UNFORGETTABLE. THAT'S
6 WHAT YOU ARE. UNFORGETTABLE IN EVERY WAY.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

9

10 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** IT'S INCREDIBLE WHAT YOU ARE TO ME. YOU'RE
11 UNFORGETTABLE. IT SEEMS THAT I AM UNFORGETTABLE, TOO.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. HERMAN.

14

15 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** MENTAL HEALTH, FOLKS. I DID THAT BECAUSE
16 NATALIE COLE DIED. WEREN'T WE HONORING NATALIE COLE TODAY?
17 THERE YOU GO. NOW, MENTAL HEALTH, IS THIS MENTAL HEALTH GOING
18 TO BE EXTENDED TO POLICE AND FIREMEN WHO SUFFER FROM POST-
19 TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, WHICH IS A RECOGNIZED MENTAL
20 ILLNESS, RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION?
21 WILL THIS BE EXTENDED TO THEM? WE ALREADY KNOW THAT GUY ON
22 SKID ROW YELLING AT THE TREES AND THE PIGEONS. WE KNOW HE'S
23 CRAZY. BUT WE DON'T KNOW THAT SOME COP WHO'S UNDER PRESSURE OR
24 SOME FIREMAN WHO'S UNDER PRESSURE, HE'S IN DEBT UP TO HERE,
25 HIS WIFE TAKING HIS MONEY AND HIS CHILDREN OR HIS BOYFRIEND

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1 LEFT HIM, GUESS WHAT? HE'S READY TO START SHOOTING OR HE'S
2 READY TO RUN HIS TRUCK INTO ANOTHER FIRE TRUCK IN MONTERREY
3 PARK. THEY DRINK. THEY DO DRUGS. CAPTAIN MATTHEW PHILLIPS,
4 FIRE CAPTAIN MATTHEW PHILIPS, THE GUY GOT CAUGHT PURCHASING
5 SEVEN BALLS OF HEROIN. MENTAL HEALTH, FOLKS. SEVEN BALLS OF
6 HEROIN. HE WAS TAKING IT BACK TO THE OTHER FIREMEN. THE GAYEST
7 PLACE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BE YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.
8 HEROIN IS THEIR DRUG OF CHOICE. FIREMEN. YOU WOULD THINK
9 THEY'RE LUCID. THEY'RE CALLED FUNCTIONAL ADDICTS.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

12

13 **HERMAN HERMAN:** INTERESTING. WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH? [PLAYING
14 RECORDING] "...DESTROY ISRAEL. YOU SCUMBAG, MISS SHEILA KUEHL.
15 YOU ANTISEMITIC.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ONE OF OUR RULES.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** OUT OF ORDER.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COUNTY COUNSEL?

22

23 **HERMAN HERMAN:** THESE ARE ACTUAL FORMS OF MENTAL HEALTH WHERE
24 PEOPLE --

25

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COUNTY COUNSEL.

2

3 **HERMAN HERMAN:** BASICALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO CONTROL THEMSELVES.

4 SO IT'S NOT ONLY IN OUR COMMUNITY, IT'S IN THE PROFESSIONAL

5 REALM OF WHERE WE LIVE AS BROUGHT OUT BY MR. JENKINS REGARDING

6 THE L.A.P.D., THAT PEOPLE NEED TO BE CLINICALLY DIAGNOSED MORE

7 APPROPRIATELY. BUT THAT \$500 MILLION THAT BARACK OBAMA

8 MENTIONED TODAY IN THE NEWS THAT HE IS WILLING TO SPEND \$500

9 MILLION TO HELP THOSE WITH MENTAL CONDITIONS. SO I DON'T

10 BELIEVE I AM POLITICALLY INCORRECT WHEN I BRING UP THIS VIDEO

11 AND MAKE A FORWARD STATEMENT, BECAUSE EVEN I TEND TO USE

12 INTENSIFIERS TO SHOW YOU THE DEGREE OF MY EMOTION, NOT THAT

13 I'M INSANE OR CLINICALLY CRAZY LIKE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, BUT

14 RATHER EXPRESS MY EMOTIONS SO THAT THE WHOLE CITY AND COUNTY

15 CAN UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF WHAT PEOPLE GO THROUGH ON A DAILY

16 BASIS WHO SUFFER SOME TYPE OF SEVERE MENTAL BREAKDOWN. SO,

17 PLEASE, DON'T TAKE IT WRONG. TAKE IT WITH ATTITUDE AND LEARN

18 FROM THE SITUATION.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO, LET ME ASK YOU HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO

21 RESPOND TO YOU?

22

23 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MENTAL BREAKDOWN AND THE CAPACITY AND THE

24 ABILITY OF THOSE TO CONTROL THEMSELVES SOMETIMES CAN OFFEND

25 OTHERS BUT IS NOT UNREASONABLE. IT'S NOT UNCONSTITUTIONAL, MR.

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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS. AT LEAST ALLOW ME THE THREE SECONDS TO FINISH
2 MY STATEMENT. AND THAT IS EVERYONE --

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO, THE QUESTION I WOULD POSE TO YOU IS,
7 WHAT MADE IT ACCEPTABLE FOR YOU TO TRY TO CALL ME OUT OF MY
8 NAME BY TAKING A SHOT AT ME? WHAT PROMPTED THAT? THINK ABOUT
9 IT. COMPLETELY GRATUITOUS. I WAS SITTING HERE LISTENING TO
10 YOU. AND WHAT DO YOU DO? WHAT DO YOU DO?

11

12 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YOU WERE ON YOUR PHONE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. THE QUESTION IS -- THE QUESTION IS
15 SIMPLE. MADAME CHAIR? I HAVE THE PHONE. I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
16 TO SPEAK. SO WHEN YOU DO WHAT YOU JUST DID -- I SAID NOTHING
17 TO YOU. I DIDN'T CALL YOU OUT OF YOUR NAME, DIDN'T SAY THAT
18 YOU WERE MENTALLY ILL OR ANYTHING OF THAT SORT.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** NEVER DID.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU ESSENTIALLY SAID ABOUT
23 ME. NOW, YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT WHY THAT'S APPROPRIATE.
24 WHAT'S OKAY ABOUT THAT? WHAT'S OKAY ABOUT THAT? NOTHING. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S MOVE ON. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE. YOUR
3 TIME HAS EXPIRED.

4

5 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** WELL. WE CONTINUE TO VIOLATE THE BROWN ACT,
6 WHICH IS A FORM OF MENTAL ILLNESS. THAT IS A MANIFESTATION.
7 AND WE CONTINUE TO SEE THAT THE BROWN ACT CLEARLY DOES NOT
8 ALLOW THE SPEAKER TO BE INTERRUPTED OR CONFRONTED DURING HIS
9 PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT YOU GUYS ACT LIKE GODS AND YOU JUST KEEP
10 VIOLATING THE LAW, PUTTING ON SPECIAL MOTIONS AND HANDING US
11 LEAFLETS THAT THIS IS REALLY A MOTION ABOUT SPAY AND NEUTER
12 FOR \$500,000 WHEN IT'S NOT. I MEAN I MIGHT LOOK LIKE A DOG AND
13 I MIGHT BARK LIKE A DOG BUT I AIN'T NO DOG. I'M AN OLD-SCHOOL
14 DOG. AND THE THING WITH YOU GUYS IS YOU GOT ALL OF THAT MONEY.
15 YOU GOT ALL OF OUR MONEY. YOU'VE GOT ALL OF OUR MONEY. YOU'VE
16 GOT US HOSTAGE. WE WERE HOSTAGES IN YOUR CAPTIVITY. WE ARE
17 SLAVES IN YOUR CAPTIVITY, BECAUSE WE DON'T REALLY GET TO VOTE
18 FOR ANYBODY THAT REPRESENTS US. WHAT WE GET TO DO IS SELECT A
19 SET, A PREARRANGED, PREPAID MASTERCARD CAMPAIGN, DONOR-FED
20 LIARS, CHEATS. AND THEN WE GET TO CHOOSE THE LEAST WORSE OF
21 THEM. AND THEN USUALLY AFTER THE ELECTION, IT'S ALL OVER. HERE
22 COMES THE TAX INCREASE. HERE COMES THE BOND MEASURES. HERE
23 COMES ALL OF THIS GARBAGE. INSTEAD OF DOING WHAT'S UP ON THE
24 WALL, THOSE THINGS. YOU CAN HARDLY READ THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE
25 SO FADED. THE MAN SIMPLY MAKES A COMMENT ABOUT A PUBLIC

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1 OFFICIAL, AND IT HAS TO BE A CIVIL WAR, VIOLENCE WITH MEN WITH
2 GUNS AND BADGES OVER WORDS. THAT'S WHAT WE FOUGHT THE CIVIL
3 WAR OVER. AND THIS HAS GOT TO STOP. STOP ACCOSTING THE PUBLIC
4 SPEAKERS.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND ARNOLD SACHS, YOU'RE NEXT.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** INQUIRY THAT OBVIOUSLY NO SUPERVISOR HAS TO
13 RESPOND BUT THE COUNTY COUNSEL COULD INFORM. IT'S CONFUSING
14 FOR THE PUBLIC WHEN THERE'S A READ-IN ITEM. IT'S ALWAYS
15 CONFUSING BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO HEAR IT FOR THE FIRST TIME. I
16 HEARD IT. I'M VERY INTERESTED IN MENTAL HEALTH. I'M VERY
17 INTERESTED IN OUR ONGOING STRUGGLE. IT SOUNDED LIKE THERE WAS
18 SOME MORE FUNDING. IT WAS CHALLENGING BECAUSE I WAS ENGAGED
19 WITH A BIT OF A CONVERSATION WITH COUNTY CONSEL ABOUT THEIR
20 REFUSAL TO HEAR ME ON OTHER ITEMS. BUT HERE'S THE THING ABOUT
21 THIS PARTICULAR INSTANT MATTER. WHEN YOU MAKE A MOTION, AS A
22 GREAT SUPERVISOR FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT DID A MOMENT AGO, IF
23 YOU COULD PRINT UP A PAGE SO THAT WE COULD READ IT AND THEN BE
24 INFORMED WHILE HE'S BLOWING HARD ON THE SUBJECT. THEN WE COULD
25 HAVE MEANINGFUL COMMENTS. BUT IF WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY -- AND

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1 WE'RE COMPLETELY ALIGNED ON THIS. I'M NOT UPSET WITH HIM. I'M
2 UPSET WITH YOU BECAUSE YOUR TEAM WHO HAS TAKEN OVER THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS HAVE FOUND A WAY TO SHUFFLE THE DECK SO THAT
4 PEOPLE ARE GETTING DIFFERENT KINDS OF TREATMENT. NOW, MENTAL
5 HEALTH IS THE MATTER BEFORE US. AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IS
6 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. IN FACT, THE GREAT SUPERVISOR FROM THE
7 SECOND DISTRICT HAS BEEN A LEADER TODAY. DON KNABE HAS AN ITEM
8 BRINGING SOME MENTAL HEALTH FOLKS INTO A WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT
9 WHERE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEEN HORRIBLE THINGS. SO THAT'S GREAT.
10 AND WE CAN CLONE THOSE KINDS OF RESPONSES FOR THE GROUP THAT
11 WE'RE FOCUSED MOST EXCLUSIVELY -- NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BUT YOU'RE
12 FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON CERTAIN GROUPS. BUT EVEN LIKE THE
13 VETERANS. WHEN WE COME UP WITH A GOOD PLAN TO PROPOSE
14 TREATMENT FOR THEM, THOSE PLANS OFTEN SERVE AS MODELS FOR
15 OTHER POPULATION WHO IS CAN ALSO BE HELPED BY THE FINE WORK
16 THAT -- WHATEVER, IT'S NOT SOUTHARD ANYMORE BUT HIS FINE
17 SECOND IN COMMAND WHO'S TAKEN OVER. I FORGOT HER NAME BRIEFLY
18 BUT SHE'S DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB. BUT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
19 ARE DOING A SO-SO JOB AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL NEEDS TO BE
20 REMOVED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.

25 AND IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT MONEY HERE. I'M READING TODAY'S

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1 NEWSPAPER. "SWEEPING PLAN DATE TO END HOMELESSNESS. STATE
2 SENATORS JUMPED INTO CALIFORNIA'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS MONDAY
3 PROPOSING 2 BILLION TO BUILD AND REHABILITATE PERMANENT
4 HOUSING FOR THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREET."
5 FURTHER DOWN IN THE STORY IT MENTIONED FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT
6 PRO TEM PRESIDENT DARRELL STEINBERG JOINED DE LE N AT THE NEWS
7 CONFERENCE SAYING HE'S ABSOLUTELY FRUSTRATED WITH THE
8 INADEQUATE RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. AND
9 THEREIN LIES THE RUB, SHAKESPEARE SAID, BECAUSE MENTAL
10 ILLNESS, THE PROBLEM ISN'T HOMELESSNESS NOR MENTAL ILLNESS. IT
11 THE PROBLEM IS WHEN THE STATE CLOSED MENTALLY ILL HOSPITALS.
12 THAT'S THE PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. BECAUSE WHEN
13 YOU ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM, THEN YOU'RE ADDRESSING MENTAL
14 ILLNESS. BY COMBINING HOMELESSNESS AND MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS
15 PEOPLE, YOU'RE JUST CREATING WASHING WITH DIRTY WATER. YOU
16 CAN'T ADDRESS BOTH OF THEM. YOU ADDRESS ONE, BECAUSE
17 HOMELESSNESS COULD BE MIDDLE CLASS. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT
18 TRAGEDY YOU COULD BEFALL. YOU'RE JUST ONE PAYCHECK FROM BEING
19 OUT ON THE STREET. YOU DON'T KNOW. THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE
20 MENTALLY ILL. MENTALLY ILL IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT SUBJECT.
21 ADDRESS THE HOSPITALIZATION FOR MENTALLY ILL WITH SUPPORTIVE
22 HOUSING. ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING. 10
23 ITEMS, THIS STORY ABOUT THE OLYMPICS. 10 LOCATIONS CONSIDERED
24 FOR THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE. \$4 BILLION FOR THE CITY OF LOS
25 ANGELES TO INVEST IN AN OLYMPIC VILLAGE. WHERE THE HELL ARE

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1 THEY GETTING THE MONEY? WHY DON'T YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT
2 INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO GET MONEY FROM
3 THE STATE, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM CAME BEFORE US
6 THROUGH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SO IT'S BEEN MOVED BY
7 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY -- OH, I'M SORRY, BEFORE WE DO THAT.
8 ONE MORE SPEAKER. MARY JACOBS.

9

10 **MARY JACOBS:** MY NICKNAME'S ALWAYS BEEN CRAZY MARY. MY FAMILY
11 THINKS I'M INSANE. I'VE TAKEN PSYCHIATRISTS. I'VE ONLY BEEN TO
12 THE HOSPITAL ONCE. MY HUSBAND WAS IN THE HOSPITAL MANY TIMES,
13 AND WHEN I MET HIM HE HAD BEEN EIGHT YEARS HOMELESS. HE WAS
14 LIVING IN A RUG. AND THIS WAS A MAN THAT HAD A MILLION
15 DOLLARS, BUT HE WAS LIVING IN A RUG. SO I THINK THERE IS A
16 CONNECTION BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL ILLNESS, BECAUSE IF
17 YOU'RE NOT TOO TOO CRAZY, LIKE ME, YOU CAN GET SOMEBODY WHO
18 WOULD LET YOU BE ON A COUCH. HOPEFULLY THAT WON'T HAPPEN. BUT
19 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS END END UP A LOT LESS RICH THAN
20 OTHERS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HOLD ONTO A JOB. AND SO THAT'S ONE
21 OF THE REASONS THEY'RE GOING TO BE WITHOUT A HOME OR WITHOUT A
22 CAR TO LIVE IN. I HAVE A CAR. IT'S A LINCOLN. IT'S AN OLD
23 LINCOLN. AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE VYING FOR
24 MY CAR TO SLEEP IN, VERSUS THE ONE GUY THAT'S BEEN STAYING
25 THERE. THE TWO PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT OF JAIL, AND I HAD TO

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1 FIGURE OUT HOW DO I TELL THE GUY THAT'S SLEEPING IN MY CAR TO
2 GIVE IT UP TO THE TWO THAT JUST GOT OUT OF JAIL? WE HAVE SUCH
3 PROBLEMS. AND THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT EVEN THAT MENTALLY ILL, BUT
4 THEY TAKE MEDICATION. SO I THANK YOU. I APPLAUD KEVIN DE LE N
5 FOR HIS BRILLIANCE AND FOR HIS COMPASSION. AND I JUST HOPE
6 THAT PEOPLE KEEP GOING IN THIS DIRECTION. I LOST A VERY GOOD
7 FRIEND, WHO I TRIED HELPING NOVEMBER 2ND. I CALLED 9-1-1
8 TWICE. I CALLED THE SHERIFF'S TWICE. I CALLED THE SUPERVISOR.
9 I CALLED THE MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE. AND THEY DID NOTHING EXCEPT
10 RETURN HER TO HER SISTER, WHO THEN RETURNED HER BACK TO OUR
11 GARAGE, WHERE SHE WAS LIVING, AND SHE DIED LESS THAN TWO WEEKS
12 LATER. SO THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, WE'LL
15 EXPECT A REPORT BACK FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND
16 I DO HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. I
17 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER ARIOLA.
18 CHRISTOPHER ARRIOLA, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF MONTEREY PARK,
19 DIED ON DECEMBER 27, 2015 AFTER A LENGTHY BATTLE WITH CANCER.
20 CHRIS WAS BORN IN L.A. AND WORKED FOR THE CITIES OF PARAMOUNT
21 AND MONTEREY PARK. CHRIS WAS AN AVID DODGER FAN ATTENDING
22 DODGER TRAINING CAMP SINCE THE AGE OF 19. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
23 PARENTS, LONG- TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEES DELORES AND MIKE ARRIOLA.
24 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS, WE NOW HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.
25 SO, WE'LL START WITH ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, MARY JACOBS,

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1 HERMAN HERMAN, AND WAYNE FROM ENCINO. AND RED CHIEF HUNT AND
2 PRENTICE JENKINS AND LYNNE PLAMBECK.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** I APOLOGIZE FOR TELLING THE COUNTY COUNSEL THAT
5 SHE HAD TO BE THROWN OUT. THAT WAS TOO FAR. SHE SHOULD BE
6 AFFORDED ALL THE DUE PROCESS AND THEN REMOVED. THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO PROVIDE FOR MR. PREVEN AND THE OTHER
8 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SOMETHING THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE,
9 SOMETHING THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. BECAUSE AT THE MOMENT I FEEL
10 WE DON'T UNDERSTAND. AND LET'S JUST MAKE IT CLEAR. I MEAN,
11 IT'S LIKE WHICH ANALOGY DOES MR. ANTONOVICH LIKE BEST? HOW
12 ABOUT SOCCER? YOU GOT A BUNCH OF KIDS ON THE TEAM, EVERYBODY
13 WILL GET A CHANCE TO KICK THE BALL. HOLD ON. OH HERE COMES
14 FIVE OTHER KIDS. HOLD ON. HERE COMES FIVE OTHER KIDS. HOLD ON.
15 OKAY, MR. PREVEN, NOW YOU CAN SPEAK. IT JUST DOESN'T FEEL
16 RIGHT, BECAUSE I WAS HERE FOUR HOURS EARLIER. I'M NOT
17 ADVOCATING SO MUCH FOR BEING FIRST OR LAST OR WHATEVER, BUT I
18 THINK A SYSTEM THAT IS AT LEAST UNDERSTANDABLE. NOW, IF YOU'RE
19 WONDERING WHERE THIS SYSTEM CAME FROM, YOU DON'T NEED TO LOOK
20 VERY FAR. YOU CAN LOOK RIGHT DOWN INTO THE SECOND DISTRICT,
21 WHERE THE GREAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS, I THINK, REACHING OUT
22 TO THE PUBLIC BY SAYING LET'S TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THE PEOPLE
23 WHO REALLY ARE PARTICIPATING AND GET THEM GOING EARLY, GET
24 THEM IN AND OUT AND ALL THAT. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I'M NOT THE
25 ONLY PERSON, SO I DON'T WANT TO MAKE SOME DIDACTIC STATEMENTS,

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1 BUT I DO FEEL THAT AS THE NEW CHAIR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, OR
2 CHAIRMAN, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS, MAYBE IT WOULD BE THE RIGHT TIME
3 TO CONNECT WITH THE DEPUTIES WHO FOCUS ON THIS AND MAYBE JUST
4 ADJUST THINGS SO THAT ALL PEOPLE LIKE MISS PLEMBECK AND
5 CHARACTERS WHO CAME IN A BIT LATE AND OTHERS HAVE THE CHANCE
6 TO ADDRESS THE ITEMS. JUST LIKE THE SUBWAY. THEY CALL YOUR
7 ITEM. YOU'RE ON ITEM 13. YOU GET OFF THE TRAIN. MAKE YOUR
8 COMMENT GET BACK ON. ITEM 14. BECAUSE I TRIED TO SPEAK ON 10
9 ITEMS IN THREE MINUTES AND I COME ACROSS LIKE A LUNATIC GOING
10 BACK TO THE MENTAL HEALTH. I WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE
11 IN COMMUNICATING. I WANT TO SHARE STUFF THAT'S NOT JUST
12 SCANDALOUS AND TROUBLEMAKING BUT SOMETIMES VERY USEFUL. AND
13 NOT THAT TROUBLE MAKING IS NOT USEFUL. THAT'S PART OF THE
14 PROCESS. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION AND
15 RECONSIDERATION.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARY?

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19 **MARY JACOBS:** HI. I CAME HERE TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
20 BECAUSE MY C.N.R. AUTO SHOP IN EAST L.A. HAS BEEN GIVEN MORE
21 TIME TO STAY. SO I'M NOT GOING TO BE IMPOVERISHED. I'M NOT
22 GOING TO BE HOMELESS. THANK YOU. SECONDLY, THE ISSUE THAT THEY
23 STILL HAVE UP THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF THE ZONING. I KNOW IT'S
24 LIKE A HIGH AND LOFTY THING. IT'S NOT SEXY. BUT REALLY, WHEN
25 YOU THINK ABOUT ZONING, 25 YEARS AGO WHEN THEY SAID THIS WOULD

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1 GOING TO BECOME R-2, THEY WEREN'T THINKING OF GLOBAL WARMING.
2 WHEN YOU HAVE MULTI-USE ZONING -- AND I SUGGEST WE ENACT IT
3 EVERYWHERE, PEOPLE HAVE A REASON TO WALK SOMEWHERE. I LIVE IN
4 EAST L.A. I HAVE -- BEFORE I MARRIED MY CRAZY HUSBAND, I LIVED
5 IN BRENTWOOD. I LIVED IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE ON THE ISLANDS. I
6 LIVED IN WOODLAND HILLS. I LIVED IN VERY, VERY NICE PLACES.
7 AND I WOULDN'T LIVE -- I WOUDN'T LEAVE EAST L.A. IF YOU BEGGED
8 ME. I WOULDN'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT, BECAUSE I LOVE IT
9 THERE, BECAUSE WE WALK ON OUR STREETS. I CAN WALK TO MY
10 GROCERY STORE. I CAN WALK TO MY HAIRDRESSER. I CAN SEE THE
11 PEOPLE I LIVE NEAR. AND THEY SAY "BUENOS DIAS." IT'S
12 BEAUTIFUL. AND TO TAKE GRANER, WHICH IS MY STREET, AND TURN IT
13 INTO WHAT YOU THINK IS A SUBURB BECAUSE IT'S R-2 NOW IS
14 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO GLOBAL WARMING. WE HAVE A BUNCH OF OLD
15 PEOPLE. I'M ONE OF THEM, 66 YEARS OLD. I NEED TO WALK. I CAN'T
16 LET MY HUSBAND DRIVE, BECAUSE HE GOES CRAZY. SO I HAVE TO WALK
17 EVERYWHERE. I GAVE UP MY CAR. THAT'S WHY PEOPLE SLEEP IN IT.
18 AND SO, I CAN WALK PLACES NOW. BUT I CAN'T IF I HAVE TO BE
19 MOVING. SO I'M ASKING YOU, SO TO NOT FORCE ME TO MOVE. THERE'S
20 A COURT ORDER BY JUDGE CLIFELD THAT SAID I HAVE TO MOVE THAT
21 WAS GIVEN BY -- WITHOUT LETTING ME SHOW UP, BECAUSE I WAS
22 DEPRESSED, BECAUSE YOU KNOW I'M CRAZY. SO I ENDED UP WITHOUT
23 PROOF THAT I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE. ANYWAY, LONG STORY SHORT,
24 I'M ASKING FOR YOUR HELP AGAIN TO MAKE ME NOT HAVE TO LEAVE MY
25 HOME AND MY PROPERTY, MY INCOME. THANK YOU.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SURE MY STAFF WILL TALK TO YOU. I KNOW
3 THEY'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH YOU, SO YOU CAN
4 FOLLOW-UP WITH MIKE THERE. THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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6 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** PRENTICE JENKINS. ACTIVIST SINCE 1991.
7 PUBLISHER OF "CITY LIFE" NEWSLETTER. THAT'S ME. I OPENED A
8 FREE FOOD BANK YEARS AGO. WE HAD 25 PEOPLE IN LINE THE FIRST
9 TIME. AND THEY SAW WHAT WE WERE GIVING OUT, LARGE BAGS OF
10 CHICKEN AND CHEESECAKES. WE HAD A LINE FOUR BLOCKS LONG THE
11 NEXT TIME. I DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY MONEY FOR THIS. THIS IS A FREE
12 COMPUTER TRAINING PROGRAM. I ONLY KNEW THE BASICS OF COMPUTERS
13 WHEN I OPENED THIS UP. NOBODY CARES. THE WAVE NEWSPAPER SAYS
14 NOBODY CARES. THEY DID AN ARTICLE WITH MY NAME IN IT SAYING
15 NOBODY CARES ABOUT EZELL FORD BEING SHOT TO DEATH. AND THIS
16 ONE REALLY GETS ME RIGHT HERE. THIS LETTER SAYS MR. PRENTICE
17 LEE JENKINS, THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO
18 COUNCILMAN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS REGARDING MINORITIES AND THE
19 REBUILDING PROCESS. BEST WISHES TO YOU. TOM BRADLEY. OCTOBER
20 21, 1992. THAT'S WHEN HE HAD JUST WON THE ELECTION AT THAT
21 POINT. SO HE WASN'T LIKE HE IS NOW, STANDING AROUND PRETENDING
22 HE DON'T KNOW YOU, PRETENDING HE DON'T SEE YOU. THAT'S WHEN
23 YOU GET WAY UP THERE. I THINK THEY CALL THEM UP UPPITY
24 [EXPLITIVE]. I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT THEY CALLED HIM.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING. MADAME --

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3 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** I DIDN'T SAY YOU WERE ONE. I SAID THAT'S
4 WHAT THEY CALLED THEM. I NEVER SAID YOU WERE ONE. I NEVER SAID
5 YOU WERE ONE. I WOULD NEVER CALL YOU ONE. I SAID THAT'S WHAT
6 THEY CALL.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU GOT TO PUMP YOUR BRAKES, MAN.

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10 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** YOU'RE TAKING UP MY TIME.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS CREATING SPACE
13 FOR OTHERS TO COME IN AND USE THAT LANGUAGE. AND WE -- NO, NO,
14 WE'RE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT IT. MADAME CHAIR.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SIR, I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR 10 SECONDS
17 BACK AND THAT'S IT.

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19 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** THANK YOU. LET ME CLARIFY. THAT IS NOT WHAT
20 MR. THOMAS IS. THAT'S WHAT HE IS CALLED, ALL RIGHT? SO, WHEN
21 IT'S TIME. WHEN YOU'RE DECIDING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HELP THE
22 HOMELESS, YOU DECIDE THAT WHITE PEOPLE FROM BRENTWOOD ARE
23 GOING TO HELP THE HOMELESS, YOU NEED SOMEBODY WHO'S ACTUALLY
24 DONE IT.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

4 ALL THIS DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RIGHTS. FIRST OF ALL,

5 OVERSIGHT. IT WOULD REALLY BE HELPFUL IF YOU HAD A MEDIA THAT

6 REALLY COVERED WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE COUNTY, IN OTHER

7 WORDS, TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPER, SOMETHING THAT WAS READABLE

8 TO AFFECT PEOPLE'S IDEAS OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COUNTY.

9 TAKE THE POLICY THAT OCCURRED WITH THE AGENDA. THE COUNTY HAS

10 A CONSENT CALENDAR. NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS. UNLIKE OTHER,

11 UNLIKE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO THE CONSENT CALENDAR SHOULD

12 BE OPEN TO DISCUSSION. BUT IT'S NOT. IT'S LIMITED. AND THE

13 CHANGE WAS MADE WITHOUT ANY INPUT. JUST BULLDOZED IN,

14 REMEMBER? PUBLIC COMMENT VERSUS COMMENTING ON THE AGENDA.

15 COUNTY COUNSEL DIDN'T SPEAK UP ABOUT THAT. WHY NOT? IF YOU'RE

16 GOING TO MAKE THE CHANGE, AT LEAST GIVE THE PEOPLE THE

17 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. METRO. THEY CHANGED THEIR POLICY. WE

18 HAVE MORE BUILDING. WE HAVE MORE SPENDING. WE HAVE MORE

19 PROJECTS. MORE, MORE, MORE. WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS LIMIT

20 PUBLIC COMMENT, BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE HEARING THE FACTS,

21 BECAUSE YOU ASK THEM QUESTIONS, THEY DON'T WANT TO ANSWER. HOW

22 DO YOU GET A BILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE BASED ON \$700 MILLION

23 IN TAXABLE INCOME? WELL IT'S VODOO MAGIC. HOW DO YOU

24 DISAPPEAR 6,600 TONS OF WASTE? IT'S VODOO MAGIC. THERE'S

25 NOTHING TO ANSWER. I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU,

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1 MISS SOLIS, FOR YOUR WONDERFUL IDEA REGARDING THE OLYMPIC
2 VILLAGE FOR HOMELESSNESS. BUT IT'S ONLY 8 YEARS AWAY. AND THEN
3 I THOUGHT, THEY'LL TURN INTO ATHLETES. THERE WILL BE GROCERY
4 CART RACES AND THERE WILL BE THINGS THAT HOMELESS PEOPLE GET
5 INVOLVED AND QUALIFY FOR LIVING IN THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE.

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7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. HERMAN HERMAN? WAYNE FROM ENCINO. RED
8 CHIEF HUNT. LYNNE PLAMBECK.

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10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** OH, MADAME CHAIR. UNDER 54954.3, PARENTHESES
11 C., I'M GOING TO READ IT RIGHT OUT OF THE BROWN ACT BOOK, THAT
12 THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY OF LOCAL AGENCIES SHALL NOT PROHIBIT
13 PUBLIC CRITICISM OF A POLICY, PROCEDURES, PROGRAMS OR SERVICES
14 OF THIS AGENCY OR WILL IT ACT IN OMISSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE
15 BODY. NOTHING IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL CONFER ANY PRIVILEGE
16 OR PROTECTION FOR EXPRESSION BEYOND THAT OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY
17 THE LAW. UNFORTUNATELY, MR. RIDLEY CAN'T TAKE AN OFFENSIVE N
18 WORD WHICH WAS NOT OFFENSIVE. IT WAS A DESCRIPTIVE WORD. IT
19 WAS A WORD INTENSIFYING THE SUBJECT OF A MATTER OF THE
20 GENTLEMAN SPEAKING. BUT MY POINT TODAY, SINCE WE WERE ON THE
21 SUBJECT OF ANIMALS, WOOF WOOF, ON MENTAL HEALTH, WAS THIS.
22 (SPEAKING SPANISH). NOW YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, I DON'T SPEAK
23 SPANISH, BECAUSE AS I MENTIONED EARLIER WITHIN THE PROGRAM, I
24 WAS BORN IN AMERICA. AND THE WHOLE ISSUE HERE ON THE BROWN ACT
25 VIOLATION, 54950, HAS TO COME TO AN EXTREME REASONABLE

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1 EQUALITY BETWEEN US ALL SO THAT CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY DOESN'T
2 OFFEND ANYONE, BECAUSE THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS BROWN ACT
3 PUBLICATION, THIS 184 PAGE WAS MEANT FOR US TO COMMUNICATE.
4 NOW WHETHER STEVE SOBOROFF, THE FAT LITTLE BALD MAN AT L.A.
5 POLICE COMMISSION, CALLS ME BIPOLAR, ALL I CAN SAY IS IT TAKES
6 A BIPOLAR PERSON TO KNOW ANOTHER WHO SITS ON HIS FAT PADDED
7 WALLET FOR \$500 MILLION.

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9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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11 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, EVERYTHING POSSIBLE. RIGHT OVER TO THE
12 RIGHT OF ME HERE. I GOT TO HAVE TWO OF THESE GUYS STANDING ON
13 TOP OF ME. WHY? WORDS. THE WORDS. THE THREATS. THAT'S WHY THE
14 RALPH M. BROWN ACT WAS PASSED, TO KEEP THE TYRANTS LIKE YOU
15 AWAY FROM US PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY WHEN WE TRY TO SPEAK
16 AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
17 DOESN'T LIKE. THAT'S WHY HE LEFT, BECAUSE SOMEBODY SAID A
18 WORD. HE SAID A WORD, OH. HE CALLED HIM AN UPPITY. WELL, WHEN
19 YOU SELL OUT YOUR RACE, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS. THERE'S NOTHING
20 TO BE ASHAMED OF, BECAUSE YOU CAN STAY IN THE GETTO. YOU CAN
21 STAY. MY MOTHER DID. SHE DIED WHEN SHE WAS 40 YEARS OLD.
22 WORKING. OVER BEVERLY GLEN BOULEVARD TO BEVERLY HILLS. BACK
23 AGAIN, STUDYING AS A NURSING TECHNICIAN. PICKING ME UP FROM
24 SCHOOL. PAYING FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL. KILLED HERSELF PAYING
25 CREDIT CARDS. SHE PLAYED IT RIGHT. MEANWHILE, I GOT AN UNCLE

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1 PUT PEOPLE IN THE GROUND AND HAD A BILLION-DOLLAR FORTUNE. 94
2 YEARS OLD, STILL KICKING AROUND. SO YOU CHOOSE IN LIFE. YOU
3 TRAMPLE OVER PEOPLE AND YOU GAIN POWER OR YOU LIVE LIKE A
4 SCHMUCK. AND SO THAT'S THE CHOICES YOU HAVE. SO THERE'S
5 SUPPOSED TO BE A HEAVEN FOR THE PEOPLE THAT DECIDE NOT TO SELL
6 OUT. WE DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS. WE DON'T KNOW IF IT IS. HOW
7 SIMPLE IS IT TO BE A MONSTER? YOU JUST NEED A BUNCH OF BIG
8 PEOPLE AND A LOT OF CASH. AND YOU COULD TAKE OVER ANYTHING.
9 YOU COULD TAKE OVER A COUNTRY. YOU COULD TAKE OVER THIS COUNTY
10 BOARD. THAT'S ALL THIS IS. THUGS. THAT'S ALL IT IS. AND I KNOW
11 IT BECAUSE I SEE IT AND I'VE BEEN ON BOTH SIDES OF IT.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT WITNESS? THAT'S IT?
14 VERY GOOD. AT THIS TIME I'D ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO READ
15 US INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
18 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
19 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
20 NUMBERS C.S.-1, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE
21 FOR THE POSITION OF INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, ITEM NO.
22 C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AND ITEM NO.
23 C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND
24 DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JANUARY 5, 2016

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5 CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

6 Consideration of candidate for the position of Interim Chief

7 Probation Officer. (16-0235)

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9 The Board selected Cal Remington for the position of Interim

10 Chief Probation Officer which will be returned to the Board

11 for final action on the appointment and instructed the Chief

12 Executive Officer to negotiate a salary and execute an at-will

13 employment contract which is approved as to form by County

14 Counsel subsequent to approval of an annual salary by the

15 Board of Supervisors.

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17 The vote of the board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

18 present.

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20 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 or CS-3.

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